# תורה נביאים וכתובים

# THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

ACCORDING TO THE MASORETIC TEXT

## A NEW TRANSLATION

WITH THE AID OF PREVIOUS VERSIONS AND WITH
CONSTANT CONSULTATION OF JEWISH AUTHORITIES

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# PREFACE

The following is from the preface to the Jewish Publication Society's 1917 edition of the Hebrew Bible in English:

The sacred task of translating the Word of God, as revealed to Israel through lawgiver, prophet, psalmist, and sage, began at an early date. According to an ancient rabbinic interpretation, Joshua had the Torah engraved upon the stones of the altar (Joshua 8:32) not in the original Hebrew alone, but in all the languages of mankind, which were held to be seventy, in order that all men might become acquainted with the words of the Scriptures. This statement, with its universalistic tendency, is, of course, a reflex of later times, when the Hebrew Scriptures had become a subject of curiosity and perhaps also of anxiety to the pagan or semi-pagan world.

While this tradition contains an element of truth, it is certain that the primary object of translating the Bible was to minister to a need nearer home. Upon the establishment of the Second Commonwealth under Ezra and Nehemiah, it became imperative to make the Torah of God 'distinct and giving sense' through the means of interpretation (Nehemiah 8:8 and 13:24), that the Word of God might be understood by all the people. The Rabbis perceived in this activity of the first generation of the Sopherim the origin of the Aramaic translation known as the Targum, first made orally and afterwards committed to writing, which was necessitated by the fact that Israel had forgotten the sacred language, and spoke the idiom current in a large part of western Asia. All this, however, is veiled in obscurity, as is the whole inner history of the Jews during the Persian rule.

The historic necessity for translation was repeated with all the great changes in Israel's career. It is enough to point to the Septuagint, or the Greek translation of the Scriptures, the product of Israel's contact with the Hellenistic civilization dominating the world at that time; to the Arabic translation by the Gaon Saadya, when the great majority of the Jewish people came under the sceptre of Mohammedan rulers; and to the German translation by Mendelssohn and his school, at the dawn of a new epoch, which brought the Jews in Europe, most of whom spoke a German dialect, into closer contact with their neighbours. These translations are all historical products intimately connected with Israel's wanderings among the nations and with the great events of mankind in general.

Ancient and continuous as this task of translation was, it would be a mistake to think that there were no misgivings about it. At least it is certain that opinions

were divided as to the desirability of such undertakings. While Philo and his Alexandrian coreligionists looked upon the translation of the Seventy as a work of inspired men, the Palestinian Rabbis subsequently considered the day on which the Septuagint was completed as one of the most unfortunate in Israel's history, seeing that the Torah could never be adequately translated. And there are indications enough that the consequences of such translations were not all of a desirable nature. However, in view of the eagerness with which they were undertaken almost in every land and in every great epoch of the world's history, it is evident that the people at large approved of such translations, thinking them to be a heave-offering to the Lord of each newly acquired vernacular adopted in the course of the ever-changing conditions of history, and in particular a tribute to the beauty of Japheth dwelling in the spiritual tents of Israel.

The greatest change in the life of Israel during the last two generations was his renewed acquaintance with English-speaking civilization. Out of a handful of immigrants from Central Europe and the East who saw the shores of the New World, or even of England and her colonies, we have grown under Providence both in numbers and in importance, so that we constitute now the greatest section of Israel living in a single country outside of Russia. We are only following in the footsteps of our great predecessors when, with the growth of our numbers, we have applied ourselves to the sacred task of preparing a new translation of the Bible into the English language, which, unless all signs fail, is to become the current speech of the majority of the children of Israel.

The need of such a translation was felt long ago. Mention may here be made of the work of Isaac Leeser in America, which was both preceded and followed by two translations produced in England: the one by Dr. A. Benisch, the other by Dr. Michael Friedlander. The most popular, however, among these translations was that of Lesser, which was not only the accepted version in all the synagogues of the United States, but was also reproduced in England. Its great merit consisted in the fact that it incorporated all the improvements proposed by the Mendelssohn School and their successors, whose combined efforts were included and further developed in the so-called Zunz Bible, which enjoyed a certain authority among German Jews for several generations. With the advance of time and the progress made in almost all departments of Bible study, it was found that Leeser's translation would bear improvement and recasting.

Steps leading to the preparation of a new translation into the English language were taken by the Jewish Publication Society of America in 1892. It was intended to secure, if possible, through the co-operation of scholars in the United States and in Great Britain, a new translation of each book, and to place it in the

hands of an Editorial Committee, who by correspondence with the translators should harmonize the results of the work of the individual contributors. This method was followed until 1901 under the general direction of Doctor Marcus Jastrow, Editor-in-Chief, with Doctor Kaufman Kohler and Doctor Frederick de Sola Mendes as the other members of the Editorial Committee.*

*There is given herewith a list of the translations prepared for the Society:

Genesis, Max Landsberg, Rochester, N. Y.
Exodus and Leviticus, L. N. Dembitz (deceased), Louisville, Ky.
Numbers, David Philipson, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Deuteronomy, F. de Sola Mendes, New York.
Joshua, Joseph H. Hertz, London, England.
Judges, Stephen S. Wise, New York.
II Samuel, Bernard Drachman, New York.
Jeremiah, Sabato Morais (deceased), Philadelphia, Pa.
Ezekiel, Henry W. Schneeberger, Baltimore, Md.
Joel, Oscar Cohen (deceased), Mobile, Ala.
Amos, H. Pereira Mendes, Now York.
Obadiah and Jonah, J. Voorsanger (deceased), San Francisco, California.
Micah, Maurice H. Harris, New York.
Nahum, L. Mayer (deceased), Pittsburgh, Pa.
Zephaniah, M. Schlesinger, Albany, N. Y.
Haggai, S. Mendelsohn, Wilmington, N. C.
Malachi, D. Davidson, New York.
Job, Marcus Jastrow (deceased), Philadelphia, Pa.
Ruth, Joseph Krauskopf, Philadelphia, Pa.
Ecclesiastes, Gustav Gottheil (deceased), New York.
Esther, William Rosenau, Baltimore, Md.
I and II Chronicles, M. Mielziner (deceased), Cincinnati, Ohio.)

It became apparent in 1901 that by this procedure the publication of a translation of the entire Hebrew Bible would be indefinitely delayed, and accordingly the Book of Psalms, translated by Doctor Kohler and revised by his colleagues, was given to the press and issued in 1903. The death of Doctor Jastrow in that year required the formation of a new committee under the chairmanship of Doctor Solomon Schechter. This committee, however, soon found that the method adopted was too complex, and that it was impossible to accomplish by correspondence the extensive work required.

In 1908 the Jewish Publication Society of America and the Central Conference of American Rabbis reached an agreement to cooperate in bringing out the new

translation upon a revised plan of having the entire work done by a Board of Editors instead of endeavoring to harmonize the translations of individual contributors. As a result of this understanding the present Board, composed of Doctor Solomon Schechter, Doctor Cyrus Adler, and Doctor Joseph Jacobs, representing the Jewish Publication Society of America, and Doctor Kaufman Kohler, Doctor David Philipson, and Doctor Samuel Schulman, representing the Central Conference of American Rabbis, was constituted, and by mutual agreement Professor Max L. Margolis was chosen as the seventh member, he to be the Editor-in-Chief of the work and Secretary to the Editorial Board, of which Doctor Cyrus Adler was elected Chairman. Incidentally the selection thus made resulted in an equal representation of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America at New York, of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati, and of the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning at Philadelphia. For one year Professor Israel Friedlaender acted as a member of the Board in the stead of Doctor Schechter.

The method employed by the Board was as follows:

In preparing the manuscript for consideration by the Board of Editors, Professor Margolis took into account the existing English versions, the standard commentaries, ancient and modern, the translations already made for the Jewish Publication Society of America, the divergent renderings from the Revised Version prepared for the Jews of England, the marginal notes of the Revised Version, and the changes of the American Committee of Revisers. Due weight was given to the ancient versions as establishing a tradition of interpretation, notably the Septuagint and the versions of Aquila, Symmachus, and Theodotion, the Targums, the Peshitta, the Vulgate, and the Arabic version of Saadya. Talmudic and midrashic allusions and all available Jewish commentators, both the great medieval authorities, like Rashi, Kimhi, and Ibn Ezra, and the moderns S. D. Luzzatto, Malbim, and Ehrlich, as well as all the important non-Jewish commentators, were consulted. On this basis, a manuscript was prepared by the Editor-in-Chief and a copy sent to every member of the Board of Editors. Sixteen meetings, covering a period of seven years and occupying one hundred and sixty working days, were held, at which the proposals in this manuscript and many additional suggestions by the members of the Board were considered. Each point was thoroughly discussed, and the view of the majority was incorporated into the manuscript. When the Board was evenly divided, the Chairman cast the deciding vote. From time to time subcommittees were at work upon points left open, and their reports, submitted to the Board, were discussed and voted upon. The proof of the entire work was sent to each member of the Board for revision, and the new proposals which were made by one or another were in turn submitted to a

vote by correspondence and to a final vote at the last meeting of the Board, held in October-November, 1915.

The present translation is the first for which a group of men representative of Jewish learning among English-speaking Jews assume joint responsibility, all previous efforts in the English language having been the work of individual translators. It has a character of its own. It aims to combine the spirit of Jewish tradition with the results of biblical scholarship, ancient, medieval, and modern. It gives to the Jewish world a translation of the Scriptures done by men imbued with the Jewish consciousness, while the non-Jewish world, it is hoped, will welcome a translation that presents many passages from the Jewish traditional point of view.

The repeated efforts by Jews in the field of biblical translation show their sentiment toward translations prepared by other denominations. The dominant feature of this sentiment, apart from the thought that the christological interpretations in non-Jewish translations are out of place in a Jewish Bible, is and was that the Jew cannot afford to have his Bible translation prepared for him by others. He cannot have it as a gift, even as he cannot borrow his soul from others. If a new country and a new language metamorphose him into a new man, the duty of this new man is to prepare a new garb and a new method of expression for what is most sacred and most dear to him.

We are, it is hardly needful to say, deeply grateful for the works of our non-Jewish predecessors, such as the Authorised Version with its admirable diction, which can never be surpassed, as well as for the Revised Version with its ample learning--but they are not ours. The Editors have not only used these famous English versions, but they have gone back to the earlier translations of Wycliffe, Tyndale, Coverdale, the Bishops' Bible, and the Douai Version, which is the authorised English translation of the Vulgate used by the Roman Catholics; in a word, upon doubtful points in style, all English versions have been drawn upon. The renditions of parts of the Hebrew Scriptures by Lowth and others in the eighteenth century and by Cheyne and Driver in our own days were likewise consulted.

As to the text and order of the biblical books, the present translation follows Jewish tradition, the Sacred Scriptures having come down in a definite compass and in a definite text. They are separated into three divisions: Law (Torah, Pentateuch), Prophets (Nebi'im), Writings (Ketubim). Each of these possesses a different degree of holiness or authority. In the Prophets and the Writings the order of the books varies in manuscripts or among Jewish authorities; but there is absolute agreement as to the compass of these two divisions, and no book is

transposed from the one into the other. Thus Ruth, Lamentations, and Daniel are all placed in the division of Writings--not among the Prophets, as in non-Jewish versions.

With every step by which each of the three parts was sealed, nothing to be added or to be taken away, the text was likewise fixed and thenceforth made the object of zealous watchfulness. Even with regard to the latest book of our Scriptures, we read its text substantially in the form in which the great Rabbi Akiba read it, he who said that the system by which the sacred text was guarded constituted a fence about the Scriptures. In that system, at first oral and later committed to writing, the letters were actually counted and lists made, to the end that no alterations should creep in at the hands of careless scribes. The first to collect the notes known as Masorah was Jacob ben Haim Ibn Adonijah, the editor of the second Rabbinic Bible. In our own day many scholars have been prominent in this field of labour, chief among whom are Wolf Heidenheim, S. Frensdorff, S. Baer, and C. D. Ginsburg. We have followed Baer's text[a] and for the parts not edited by him that of Ginsburg. Not only does the text known as the masoretic represent the text current in the Synagogue with regard to consonants, but also with regard to its signs standing for vowels and accents, both of which embody the interpretation accepted by the Synagogue. While in the scrolls which are read in the Synagogue the bare consonants are alone permitted, readers must prepare themselves from copies allowed for private use, in ancient times written and now printed, which contain the additional signs for vowels and accents. A translation must naturally follow the guide of the latter. Moreover, the public reader is bound in certain cases to substitute mentally other consonants in the place of those found in the scrolls, in accordance with the marginal annotations in the copies intended for private use. These variants are taken traditionally for corrections, and the public reader who persists in ignoring them forfeits his position. It is true that in the case of such variations the Jewish commentators of the Middle Ages sought to elicit a meaning also from the textual reading, and seem here and there tacitly to give it preference, but all this partakes of the nature of private judgment, and does not affect the uniform practice of the public readings in the Synagogue. While as a rule the margin (Kere) was followed, we have occasionally adopted the consonants of the text (Ketib), as for instance in Ps 139:16, and 2Ch 24:27 34:9.

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[a] It should be noted that in the otherwise excellent edition of Baer the word חק has been omitted by mistake in Pr 5:20. In Eze 9:9 the Board deviated from the Baer edition and accepted the reading דמים instead of חמס. In Ps 62:4 the. vocalization of Ben Naphtali was followed instead of that of Ben Asher usually adopted by Baer.

A translation destined for the people can follow only one text, and that must be the traditional. Nevertheless a translator is not a transcriber of the text. His principal function is to make the Hebrew intelligible. Faithful though he must be to the Hebrew idiom, he will nevertheless be forced by the genius of the English language to use circumlocution, to add a word or two, to alter the sequence of words, and the like. In general, our rule has been that, where the word or words added are implied in the Hebrew construction, no device is used to mark the addition; where, on the other hand, the addition is not at once to be inferred from the original wording and yet seems necessary for the understanding, it has been enclosed in brackets. Naturally opinion will differ as to what may be deemed an addition warranted by the Hebrew construction and what may not, but as intelligibility was the principal aim, the Editors have felt justified in making their additions, sparingly it is true, but nevertheless as often as the occasion required.

We have thought it proper to limit the margin to the shortest compass, confining it to such elucidation of and references to the literal meaning as are absolutely necessary for making the translation intelligible. The Rabbis enumerate eighteen instances in which the scribes consciously altered the text. We have called attention to a change of this nature in Jud 18:30.

Personal pronouns referring to the Deity have been capitalized. As an aid to clearness direct discourse has been indicated by quotation marks. In the prophetical writings, where the speech of the prophet imperceptibly glides into the words of the Deity, and in the legal portions of the Pentateuch, it has been thought best to use quotation marks sparingly. Although the spelling of proper names in the English Bible in many instances deviates somewhat from an accurate representation of the Hebrew, it has nevertheless been deemed wise, owing to the familiarity of Hebrew names in their usual English form, generally to retain the current spelling.

In all externals this translation is especially adapted for use in synagogue and school. The Keriat ha-Torah, or the reading of the section from the Five Books of Moses, is the central feature of the Synagogue service. The Pentateuch is divided into fifty-four sections; beginning with the Sabbath following the Feast of Tabernacles, the readings on the Sabbaths of the year are taken in their order from the Five Books of Moses. The reading consists either of the whole section or of a selected portion. There was a variant custom according to which the reading of the Torah extended over a period of three years instead of one year. However, the one year cycle gradually superseded the three year cycle, and has become the universal custom in the Synagogue.

The Pentateuchal readings are supplemented by readings from the Prophets

known as Haftarot. Readings from the third portion of the Bible, though customary at one time, have now largely fallen into disuse. The five small books known as the Five Megillot are given a place in the Synagogue service in their entirety. On the feast of Purim the book of Esther is read; the book of Lamentations is read on Tish'ah be-Ab (Ninth of Ab), the fast-day observed in commemoration of the destruction of Jerusalem; Song of Songs, Ruth, and Ecclesiastes are read respectively on the Feast of Passover, the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

The sections of the Pentateuch as traditionally read on the Sabbath are indicated, and a table gives all Scriptural readings, both on the Sabbath and on feast days and fast days.

By the favor of a gracious Providence the present company of Editors was permitted to finish the work which is now given to the public. The final meeting in November, nineteen hundred and fifteen, was closed with a prayer of thanks to God that the great task was completed and that the group which during seven years had toiled together was intact. Since that day two of our number have been called to the academy on high, Solomon Schechter and Joseph Jacobs, be their memory for a blessing. We grieve that it was not granted these cherished colleagues to live to see the final fruition of their labours; their wholehearted and devoted service is herewith recorded in grateful appreciation. In all humility their co-workers submit this version to the Jewish people in the confident hope that it will aid them in the knowledge of the Word of God.

ערב ראש השנה תרע"ז September 27, 1916.

# TABLE OF SCRIPTURAL READINGS

| | PENTATEUCH | PROPHETS |
|---|---|---|
| Genesis | 11-6.8 | Isaiah 42.5-43.11 (42.5-21)[a] |
| | 6 9-11 32 | Isaiah 54.1-55 5 (54.1-10) |
| | 12.1-17.27 | Isaiah 40.27-41.16 |
| | 18.1-22.24 | II Kings 4.1-37 (4.1-23) |
| | 231-25 18 | I Kings 1.1-31 |
| | 25.19-28.9 | Malachi 1.1-2 7 |
| | 28.10-32 3 | Hosea 11.7-12.12 |
| | 32.4-36 43 | Hosea 12 13-14.10 (Obadiah 1.1-21) |
| | 37.1-4023 | Amos 2 6-3.8 |
| | 41 1-44.17 | I Kings 3.15-4 1 |
| | 44.18-47 27 | Ezekiel 37 15-28 |
| | 47.28-50.26 | I Kings 2.1-12 |
| Exodus | 1.1-61 | Isaiah 27.6-28.13; 29.22, 23 (Jeremiah 1.1-2 3) |
| | 6.2-9 35 | Ezekiel 28.25-29 21 |
| | 10.1-13.16 | Jeremiah 46.13-28 |
| | 13.17-17.16 | Judges 44-5 31 (5.1-31) |
| | 18.1-20.23 | Isaiah 6.1-7.6; 9.5, 6 (6 1-13) |
| | 21.1-24.18 | Jeremiah 34 8-22; 33 25, 26 |
| | 25 1-27.19 | I Kings 5.26-6.13 |
| | 27 20-30 10 | Ezekiel 43 10-27 |
| | 30.11-34 35 | I Kings 18 1-39 (18 20-39) |
| | 35 1-38.20 | I Kings 7.40-50 (7 13-26) |
| | 38 21-40 38 | I Kings 7 51-8.21 (7 40-50) |
| Leviticus | 1.1-5 26 | Isaiah 43.21-44 23 |
| | 6.1 | -8.36 Jeremiah 7 21-8.3; 9.22, 23 |
| | 9.1-11.47 | II Samuel 6.1-7 3 (6.1-19) |
| | 12.1-13.59 | II Kings 4 42-5 19 |
| | 14.1-15 33 | II Kings 7 3-20 |
| | 16.1-18 30 | Ezekiel 22.1-18 (22 1-16) |
| | 19.1-20.27 | Amos 9 7-15 (Ezekiel 20 2-20) |
| | 21.1-2423 | Ezekiel 44.15-31 |
| | 25.1-26.2 | Jeremiah 32.6-27 |
| | 26.3-27.34 | Jeremiah 16.19-17.14 |
| Numbers | 1.1-4 20 | Hosea 2 1-22 |
| | 4.21-7.89 | Judges 13.2-25 |
| | 81-12.16 | Zechariah 2.14-4.7 |
| | 13.1-15.41 | Joshua 2.1-24 |
| | 16 1-18.32 | I Samuel 11.14-12 22 |
| | 19.1-22.1 | Judges 11.1-33 |
| | 22.2-25.9 | Micah 5.6-6.8 |

[a] Parentheses indicate Sephardic ritual

| PENTATEUCH | | PROPHETS |
|---|---|---|
| Numbers | 25.10-30.1 | I Kings 18 46-19 21 |
| | 30.2-3242 | Jeremiah 1.1-2.3 |
| | 33.1-36.13 | Jeremiah 2.4-28; 3.4 (2.4-28; 4.1, 2) |
| Deuteronomy | 1.1-3 22 | Isaiah 1.1-27 |
| | 3.23-7.11 | Isaiah 40.1-26 |
| | 7.12-11.25 | Isaiah 49.14-51.3 |
| | 11.26-16.17 | Isaiah 54 11-55 5 |
| | 16.18-21.9 | Isaiah 51.12-52.12 |
| | 21.10-25.19 | Isaiah 54 1-10 |
| | 26.1-29.8 | Isaiah 60 1-22 |
| | 29.9-30.20 | Isaiah 61.10-63 9 |
| | 31.1-30 | Isaiah 55.6-56 8 |
| | 32.1-52 | II Samuel 22 1-51 |
| | 33.1-34.12 | Joshua 1 1-18 (1 1-9) |

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|---|---|---|
| New Year, 1st Day | Genesis 21 1-34; Numbers 29 1-6 | I Samuel 1.1-2.10 |
| 2nd Day | Genesis 22 1-24; Numbers 29 1-6 | Jeremiah 31.2-20 |
| Sabbath Shubah | Weekly portion | Hosea 14 2-10; Micah 7 18-20, or Hosea 14 2-10, Joel 2.15-17 (Hosea 14.2-10; Micah 7.18-20) |
| Day of Atonement, Morning | Leviticus 16 1-34; Numbers 29 7-11 | Isaiah 57.14-58 14 |
| Afternoon | Leviticus 18 1-30 | Jonah 11-411; Micah 7.18-20 |
| Tabernacles, 1st Day | Leviticus 22 26-23.44; Numbers 29 12-16 | Zechariah 14 1-21 |
| 2nd Day | Leviticus 22 26-23.44; Numbers 29.12-16 | I Kings 8 2-21 |
| Sabbath During the Middle Days | Exodus 33 12-34 26; Daily portion from Numbers 29 | Ezekiel 38 18-39 16 |
| 8th Day | Deuteronomy 14 22-16 17 Numbers 29 35-30 1 | I Kings 8 54-66 |
| Rejoicing of the Law | Deuteronomy 33 1-34 12; Genesis 1 1-2.3; Numbers 29.35-30 1 | Joshua 1.1-18 (1 1-9) |
| First Sabbath Hanukkah | Weekly and Hanukkah Portions | Zechariah 2.14-4.7 |
| Second Sabbath Hanukkah | Weekly and Hanukkah Portions | I Kings 7.40-50 |
| Zakor | Weekly portion; | |

| PENTATEUCH | | PROPHETS |
|---|---|---|
| | Deuteronomy 25 17-19 | I Samuel 15.2-34 (15.1-34) |
| Shekalim | Weekly portion; Exodus 30.11-16 | II Kings 12. 1-17(1117-12 17) |
| Parah | Weekly Portion; Numbers 19,1-22 | Ezekiel 36.16-38 (36.16-36) |
| Ha-Hodesh | Weekly Portion; Exodus 12.1-20 | Ezekiel 45.16-46.18 (45.18-46.15) |
| Sabbath ha-Gadol | Weekly Portion; | Malachi 3.4-24 |
| Passover 1st Day | Exodus 12.21-51; Numbers 28.16-25 | Joshua 3.5-7; 5.2-6.1; 6.27 (5.2-6.1) |
| 2nd Day | Leviticus22.26-23.44; Numbers 28.16-25 | II Kings 23.1-9; 21-25 |
| Sabbath During the Middle Days | Exodus 33.12-34.26 Numbers 28.19-25 | Ezekiel 36.37-37.14 (37.1-14) |
| 7th Day | Exodus 13.17-15.26; Numbers 28.19-25 | II Samuel 22.1-51 |
| 8th Day | Deuteronomy 15.19-16.17; [a] Numbers 28.19-25 | Isaiah 10.32-12.6 |
| Pentecost, 1st Day | Exodus 19.1-20.23; Numbers 28.26-31 | Ezekiel 1.1-28; 3.12 |
| 2nd Day | Deuteronomy 15.19-16.17; [a] Numbers 28.26-31 | Habakkuk 3.1-19 (2.20-3.19) |
| Ninth of Ab, Morning | Deuteronomy 4.25-40 | Jeremiah 8.13-9.23 |
| Afternoon | Exodus 32.11-14; 34.1-10 10; Micah 7.18-20) | Isaiah 55.6-56.8 (Hosea 14.2- |
| Other Fasts | Exodus 32.11-14; 34.1-10 | Isaiah 55.6-56.8 (none) |
| Sabbath and New Moon | Weekly Portion; Numbers 28.9-15 | Isaiah 66.1-24 |
| Sabbath immediately Preceeding New Moon | Weekly Portion | I Samuel 20.18-42 |

[a] On Sabbath, Deuteronomy 14.22-16.17

# THE ORDER OF THE BOOKS

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy
Joshua
Judges
I Samuel
II Samuel
I Kings
II Kings
Isaiah
Jeremiah
Ezekiel
The Twelve
- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

Psalms
Proverbs
Job
Song of Songs
Ruth
Lamentations
Ecclesiastes
Esther
Daniel
Ezra
Nehemiah
I Chronicles
II Chronicles

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# THE LAW

GENESIS
EXODUS
LEVITICUS
NUMBERS
DEUTERONOMY

# בראשית
# GENESIS

**1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. [2]Now the earth was unformed and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters. [3]And God said: ‘Let there be light.’ And there was light. [4]And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. [5]And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

[6]And God said: ‘Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.’ [7]And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. [8]And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

[9]And God said: ‘Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. [10]And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters called He Seas; and God saw that it was good. [11]And God said: ‘Let the earth put forth grass, herb yielding seed, and fruit-tree bearing fruit after its kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth.’ And it was so. [12]And the earth brought forth grass, herb yielding seed after its kind, and tree bearing fruit, wherein is the seed thereof, after its kind; and God saw that it was good. [13]And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

[14]And God said: ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years; [15]and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth.’ And it was so. [16]And God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; and the stars. [17]And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, [18]and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. [19]And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

[20]And God said: ‘Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let fowl fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.’ [21]And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that creepeth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after its kind, and every winged fowl after its kind; and God saw that it was good. [22]And God

blessed them, saying: ‘Be fruitful, and
multiply, and fill the waters in the
seas, and let fowl multiply in the
earth.’ [23]And there was evening and
there was morning, a fifth day.

[24]And God said: ‘Let the earth bring
forth the living creature after its kind,
cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of
the earth after its kind.’ And it was so.
[25]And God made the beast of the earth
after its kind, and the cattle after their
kind, and every thing that creepeth
upon the ground after its kind; and
God saw that it was good. [26]And God
said: ‘Let us make man in our image,
after our likeness; and let them have
dominion over the fish of the sea, and
over the fowl of the air, and over the
cattle, and over all the earth, and over
every creeping thing that creepeth
upon the earth.’ [27]And God created
man in His own image, in the image of
God created He him; male and female
created He them. [28]And God blessed
them; and God said unto them: ‘Be
fruitful, and multiply, and replenish
the earth, and subdue it; and have
dominion over the fish of the sea, and
over the fowl of the air, and over every
living thing that creepeth upon the
earth.’ [29]And God said: ‘Behold, I
have given you every herb yielding
seed, which is upon the face of all the
earth, and every tree, in which is the
fruit of a tree yielding seed—to you it
shall be for food; [30]and to every beast
of the earth, and to every fowl of the
air, and to every thing that creepeth
upon the earth, wherein there is a
living soul, [I have given] every green
herb for food.’ And it was so. [31]And
God saw every thing that He had
made, and, behold, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was
morning, the sixth day.

2 And the heaven and the earth
were finished, and all the host of
them. [2]And on the seventh day God
finished His work which He had made;
and He rested on the seventh day from
all His work which He had made. [3]And
God blessed the seventh day, and
hallowed it; because that in it He
rested from all His work which God in
creating had made.

[4]These are the generations of the
heaven and of the earth when they
were created, in the day that the Lord
God made earth and heaven.

[5]No shrub of the field was yet in the
earth, and no herb of the field had yet
sprung up; for the Lord God had not
caused it to rain upon the earth, and
there was not a man to till the ground;
[6]but there went up a mist from the
earth, and watered the whole face of
the ground. [7]Then the Lord God
formed man of the dust of the ground,
and breathed into his nostrils the
breath of life; and man became a living
soul. [8]And the Lord God planted a
garden eastward, in Eden; and there
He put the man whom He had formed.
[9]And out of the ground made the Lord
God to grow every tree that is pleasant
to the sight, and good for food; the tree
of life also in the midst of the garden,
and the tree of the knowledge of good

and evil. [10]And a river went out of
Eden to water the garden; and from
thence it was parted, and became four
heads. [11]The name of the first is
Pishon; that is it which compasseth the
whole land of Havilah, where there is
gold; [12]and the gold of that land is
good; there is bdellium and the onyx
stone. [13]And the name of the second
river is Gihon; the same is it that
compasseth the whole land of Cush.
[14]And the name of the third river is
[a]Tigris; that is it which goeth toward
the east of Asshur. And the fourth
river is the Euphrates. [15]And the LORD
God took the man, and put him into
the garden of Eden to dress it and to
keep it. [16]And the LORD God
commanded the man, saying: 'Of
every tree of the garden thou mayest
freely eat; [17]but of the tree of the
knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt
not eat of it; for in the day that thou
eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'

[18]And the LORD God said: 'It is not
good that the man should be alone; I
will make him a help meet for him.'
[19]And out of the ground the LORD God
formed every beast of the field, and
every fowl of the air; and brought
them unto the man to see what he
would call them; and whatsoever the
man would call every living creature,
that was to be the name thereof. [20]And
the man gave names to all cattle, and
to the fowl of the air, and to every
beast of the field; but for Adam there
was not found a help meet for him.
[21]And the LORD God caused a deep
sleep to fall upon the man, and he
slept; and He took one of his ribs, and
closed up the place with flesh instead
thereof. [22]And the rib, which the LORD
God had taken from the man, made He
a woman, and brought her unto the
man. [23]And the man said: 'This is now
bone of my bones, and flesh of my
flesh; she shall be called [b]Woman,
because she was taken out of [c]Man.'
[24]Therefore shall a man leave his
father and his mother, and shall cleave
unto his wife, and they shall be one
flesh. [25]And they were both naked, the
man and his wife, and were not
ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtle
than any beast of the field which
the LORD God had made. And he said
unto the woman: 'Yea, hath God said:
Ye shall not eat of any tree of the
garden?' [2]And the woman said unto
the serpent: 'Of the fruit of the trees of
the garden we may eat; [3]but of the fruit
of the tree which is in the midst of the
garden, God hath said: Ye shall not eat
of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye
die.' [4]And the serpent said unto the
woman: 'Ye shall not surely die; [5]for
God doth know that in the day ye eat
thereof, then your eyes shall be
opened, and ye shall be as God,
knowing good and evil.' [6]And when
the woman saw that the tree was good

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[a] Heb. *Hiddekel*.

[b] Heb. *Issahah*.

[c] Heb. *Ish*.

for food, and that it was a delight to
the eyes, and that the tree was to be
desired to make one wise, she took of
the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she
gave also unto her husband with her,
and he did eat. 7And the eyes of them
both were opened, and they knew that
they were naked; and they sewed fig-
leaves together, and made themselves
girdles. 8And they heard the voice of
the Lord God walking in the garden
toward the cool of the day; and the
man and his wife hid themselves from
the presence of the Lord God amongst
the trees of the garden. 9And the Lord
God called unto the man, and said unto
him: 'Where art thou?' 10And he said:
'I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I
was afraid, because I was naked; and I
hid myself.' 11And He said: 'Who told
thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou
eaten of the tree, whereof I
commanded thee that thou shouldest
not eat?' 12And the man said: 'The
woman whom Thou gavest to be with
me, she gave me of the tree, and I did
eat.' 13And the Lord God said unto the
woman: 'What is this thou hast done?'
And the woman said: 'The serpent
beguiled me, and I did eat.' 14And the
Lord God said unto the serpent:
'Because thou hast done this, cursed
art thou from among all cattle, and
from among all beasts of the field;
upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust
shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.
15And I will put enmity between thee
and the woman, and between thy seed
and her seed; they shall bruise thy
head, and thou shalt bruise their heel.'

16Unto the woman He said: 'I will
greatly multiply thy pain and thy
travail; in pain thou shalt bring forth
children; and thy desire shall be to thy
husband, and he shall rule over thee.'

17And unto Adam He said: 'Because
thou hast hearkened unto the voice of
thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of
which I commanded thee, saying:
Thou shalt not eat of it; cursed is the
ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou
eat of it all the days of thy life.
18Thorns also and thistles shall it bring
forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the
herb of the field. 19In the sweat of thy
face shalt thou eat bread, till thou
return unto the ground; for out of it
wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and
unto dust shalt thou return.' 20And the
man called his wife's name [a]Eve;
because she was the mother of all
living. 21And the Lord God made for
Adam and for his wife garments of
skins, and clothed them.

22And the Lord God said: 'Behold,
the man is become as one of us, to
know good and evil; and now, lest he
put forth his hand, and take also of the
tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.'
23Therefore the Lord God sent him
forth from the garden of Eden, to till
the ground from whence he was taken.
24So He drove out the man; and He
placed at the east of the garden of
Eden the cherubim, and the flaming

[a] Heb. *Havvah*, that is, Life.

sword which turned every way, to
keep the way to the tree of life.

4 And the man knew Eve his wife;
and she conceived and bore Cain,
and said: ‘I have [a]gotten a man with
the help of the Lord.’ 2 And again she
bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a
keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller
of the ground. 3 And in process of time
it came to pass, that Cain brought of
the fruit of the ground an offering unto
the Lord. 4 And Abel, he also brought
of the firstlings of his flock and of the
fat thereof. And the Lord had respect
unto Abel and to his offering; 5 but
unto Cain and to his offering He had
not respect. And Cain was very wroth,
and his countenance fell. 6 And the
Lord said unto Cain: ‘Why art thou
wroth? and why is thy countenance
fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shall it not
be lifted up? and if thou doest not well,
sin coucheth at the door; and unto thee
is its desire, but thou mayest rule over
it.’ 8 And Cain spoke unto Abel his
brother. And it came to pass, when
they were in the field, that Cain rose
up against Abel his brother, and slew
him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain:
‘Where is Abel thy brother?’ And he
said: ‘I know not; am I my brother’s
keeper?’ 10 And He said: ‘What hast
thou done? the voice of thy brother’s
blood crieth unto Me from the ground.
11 And now cursed art thou from the
ground, which hath opened her mouth
to receive thy brother’s blood from thy
hand. 12 When thou tillest the ground, it
shall not henceforth yield unto thee her
strength; a fugitive and a wanderer
shalt thou be in the earth.’ 13 And Cain
said unto the Lord: ‘My punishment is
greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, Thou
hast driven me out this day from the
face of the land; and from Thy face
shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive
and a wanderer in the earth; and it will
come to pass, that whosoever findeth
me will slay me.’ 15 And the Lord said
unto him: ‘Therefore whosoever
slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken
on him sevenfold.’ And the Lord set a
sign for Cain, lest any finding him
should smite him.

16 And Cain went out from the
presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the
land of [b]Nod, on the east of Eden.
17 And Cain knew his wife; and she
conceived, and bore Enoch; and he
builded a city, and called the name of
the city after the name of his son
Enoch. 18 And unto Enoch was born
Irad; and Irad begot [c]Mehujael; and
Mehujael begot Methushael; and
Methushael begot Lamech. 19 And
Lamech took unto him two wives; the
name of one was Adah, and the name
of the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bore
Jabal; he was the father of such as
dwell in tents and have cattle. 21 And
his brother’s name was Jubal; he was
the father of all such as handle the

[a] Heb. *Kanah*, to get.

[b] That is, *Wandering*.

[c] Heb. *Mehijael*.

harp and pipe. 22 And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of brass and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. 23 And Lamech said unto his wives:

Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
Ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech;
For I have slain a man for wounding me,
And a young man for bruising me;
24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bore a son, and called his name [a]Seth: ‘for God [b]hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him.’ 26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh; then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

## 5

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made He him; 2 male and female created He them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. 3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth. 4 And the days of Adam after he begot Seth were eight hundred years; and he begot sons and daughters. 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

6 And Seth lived a hundred and five years, and begot Enosh. 7 And Seth lived after he begot Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and begot sons and daughters. 8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

9 And Enosh lived ninety years, and begot Kenan. 10 And Enosh lived after he begot Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begot sons and daughters. 11 And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

12 And Kenan lived seventy years, and begot Mahalalel. 13 And Kenan lived after he begot Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and begot sons and daughters. 14 And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

15 And Mahalalel lived sixty and five years, and begot Jared. 16 And Mahalalel lived after he begot Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begot sons and daughters. 17 And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety and five years; and he died.

18 And Jared lived a hundred sixty and two years, and begot Enoch. 19 And Jared lived after he begot Enoch eight hundred years, and begot sons and daughters. 20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years; and he died.

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[a] Heb. *Sheth*.
[b] Heb. *Shath*.

[21]And Enoch lived sixty and five
years, and begot Methuselah. [22]And
Enoch walked with God after he begot
Methuselah three hundred years, and
begot sons and daughters. [23]And all the
days of Enoch were three hundred
sixty and five years. [24]And Enoch
walked with God, and he was not; for
God took him.

[25]And Methuselah lived a hundred
eighty and seven years, and begot
Lamech. [26]And Methuselah lived after
he begot Lamech seven hundred eighty
and two years, and begot sons and
daughters. [27]And all the days of
Methuselah were nine hundred sixty
and nine years; and he died.

[28]And Lamech lived a hundred
eighty and two years, and begot a son.
[29]And he called his name Noah,
saying: ‘This same shall [a]comfort us in
our work and in the toil of our hands,
which cometh from the ground which
the Lord hath cursed.’ [30]And Lamech
lived after he begot Noah five hundred
ninety and five years, and begot sons
and daughters. [31]And all the days of
Lamech were seven hundred seventy
and seven years; and he died.

[32]And Noah was five hundred years
old; and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and
Japheth.

6 And it came to pass, when men
began to multiply on the face of
the earth, and daughters were born
unto them, [2]that the sons of God saw
the daughters of men that they were
fair; and they took them wives,
whomsoever they chose. [3]And the
Lord said: ‘My spirit shall not abide in
man for ever, for that he also is flesh;
therefore shall his days be a hundred
and twenty years.’ [4]The Nephilim were
in the earth in those days, and also
after that, when the sons of God came
in unto the daughters of men, and they
bore children to them; the same were
the mighty men that were of old, the
men of renown.

[5]And the Lord saw that the
wickedness of man was great in the
earth, and that every imagination of
the thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually. [6]And it repented the Lord
that He had made man on the earth,
and it grieved Him at His heart. [7]And
the Lord said: ‘I will blot out man
whom I have created from the face of
the earth; both man, and beast, and
creeping thing, and fowl of the air; for
it repenteth Me that I have made
them.’ [8]But Noah found grace in the
eyes of the Lord.

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[9]These are the generations of Noah.
Noah was in his generations a man
righteous and wholehearted; Noah
walked with God. [10]And Noah begot
three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
[11]And the earth was corrupt before
God, and the earth was filled with
violence. [12]And God saw the earth,
and, behold, it was corrupt; for all
flesh had corrupted their way upon the
earth.

[a] Heb. *nahem*, to comfort.

[13]And God said unto Noah: ‘The
end of all flesh is come before Me; for
the earth is filled with violence
through them; and, behold, I will
destroy them with the earth. [14]Make
thee an ark of gopher wood; with
rooms shalt thou make the ark, and
shalt pitch it within and without with
pitch. [15]And this is how thou shalt
make it: the length of the ark three
hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty
cubits, and the height of it thirty
cubits. [16]A light shalt thou make to the
ark, and to a cubit shalt thou finish it
upward; and the door of the ark shalt
thou set in the side thereof; with lower,
second, and third stories shalt thou
make it. [17]And I, behold, I do bring the
flood of waters upon the earth, to
destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath
of life, from under heaven; every thing
that is in the earth shall perish. [18]But I
will establish My covenant with thee;
and thou shalt come into the ark, thou,
and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy
sons’wives with thee. [19]And of every
living thing of all flesh, two of every
sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to
keep them alive with thee; they shall
be male and female. [20]Of the fowl after
their kind, and of the cattle after their
kind, of every creeping thing of the
ground after its kind, two of every sort
shall come unto thee, to keep them
alive. [21]And take thou unto thee of all
food that is eaten, and gather it to thee;
and it shall be for food for thee, and
for them.’ [22]Thus did Noah; according
to all that God commanded him, so did
he.

7 And the LORD said unto Noah:
‘Come thou and all thy house into
the ark; for thee have I seen righteous
before Me in this generation. [2]Of every
clean beast thou shalt take to thee
seven and seven, each with his mate;
and of the beasts that are not clean two
[and two], each with his mate; [3]of the
fowl also of the air, seven and seven,
male and female; to keep seed alive
upon the face of all the earth. [4]For yet
seven days, and I will cause it to rain
upon the earth forty days and forty
nights; and every living substance that
I have made will I blot out from off the
face of the earth.’ [5]And Noah did
according unto all that the LORD
commanded him.

[6]And Noah was six hundred years old
when the flood of waters was upon the
earth. [7]And Noah went in, and his
sons, and his wife, and his sons’wives
with him, into the ark, because of the
waters of the flood. [8]Of clean beasts,
and of beasts that are not clean, and of
fowls, and of every thing that creepeth
upon the ground, [9]there went in two
and two unto Noah into the ark, male
and female, as God commanded Noah.
[10]And it came to pass after the seven
days, that the waters of the flood were
upon the earth. [11]In the six hundredth
year of Noah’s life, in the second
month, on the seventeenth day of the
month, on the same day were all the
fountains of the great deep broken up,
and the windows of heaven were

opened. 12And the rain was upon the
earth forty days and forty nights.
13In the selfsame day entered Noah,
and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the
sons of Noah, and Noah’s wife, and
the three wives of his sons with them,
into the ark; 14they, and every beast
after its kind, and all the cattle after
their kind, and every creeping thing
that creepeth upon the earth after its
kind, and every fowl after its kind,
every bird of every sort. 15And they
went in unto Noah into the ark, two
and two of all flesh wherein is the
breath of life. 16And they that went in,
went in male and female of all flesh, as
God commanded him; and the Lord
shut him in. 17And the flood was forty
days upon the earth; and the waters
increased, and bore up the ark, and it
was lifted up above the earth. 18And
the waters prevailed, and increased
greatly upon the earth; and the ark
went upon the face of the waters.
19And the waters prevailed
exceedingly upon the earth; and all the
high mountains that were under the
whole heaven were covered. 20Fifteen
cubits upward did the waters prevail;
and the mountains were covered.
21And all flesh perished that moved
upon the earth, both fowl, and cattle,
and beast, and every swarming thing
that swarmeth upon the earth, and
every man; 22all in whose nostrils was
the breath of the spirit of life,
whatsoever was in the dry land, died.
23And He blotted out every living
substance which was upon the face of
the ground, both man, and cattle, and
creeping thing, and fowl of the heaven;
and they were blotted out from the
earth; and Noah only was left, and
they that were with him in the ark.
24And the waters prevailed upon the
earth a hundred and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and
every living thing, and all the
cattle that were with him in the ark;
and God made a wind to pass over the
earth, and the waters assuaged; 2the
fountains also of the deep and the
windows of heaven were stopped, and
the rain from heaven was restrained.
3And the waters returned from off the
earth continually; and after the end of
a hundred and fifty days the waters
decreased. 4And the ark rested in the
seventh month, on the seventeenth day
of the month, upon the mountains of
Ararat. 5And the waters decreased
continually until the tenth month; in
the tenth month, on the first day of the
month, were the tops of the mountains
seen.

6And it came to pass at the end of
forty days, that Noah opened the
window of the ark which he had made.
7And he sent forth a raven, and it went
forth to and fro, until the waters were
dried up from off the earth. 8And he
sent forth a dove from him, to see if
the waters were abated from off the
face of the ground. 9But the dove
found no rest for the sole of her foot,
and she returned unto him to the ark,
for the waters were on the face of the
whole earth; and he put forth his hand,

and took her, and brought her in unto him into the ark. 10And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. 11And the dove came in to him at eventide; and lo in her mouth an olive-leaf freshly plucked; so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. 12And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; and she returned not again unto him any more.

13And it came to pass in the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dried. 14And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dry.

15And God spoke unto Noah, saying: 16'Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons'wives with thee. 17Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee of all flesh, both fowl, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may swarm in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth.' 18And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons'wives with him; 19every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families; went forth out of the ark.

20And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21And the Lord smelled the sweet savour; and the Lord said in His heart: 'I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 22While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.'

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them: 'Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth. 2And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, and upon all wherewith the ground teemeth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered. 3Every moving thing that liveth shall be for food for you; as the green herb have I given you all. 4Only flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it; and at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man's brother, will I require the life of man. 6Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made He man. 7And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; swarm in the earth, and multiply therein.'

[8]And God spoke unto Noah, and to
his sons with him, saying: [9]'As for Me,
behold, I establish My covenant with
you, and with your seed after you;
[10]and with every living creature that is
with you, the fowl, the cattle, and
every beast of the earth with you; of
all that go out of the ark, even every
beast of the earth. [11]And I will
establish My covenant with you;
neither shall all flesh be cut off any
more by the waters of the flood;
neither shall there any more be a flood
to destroy the earth.' [12]And God said:
'This is the token of the covenant
which I make between Me and you
and every living creature that is with
you, for perpetual generations: [13]I have
set My bow in the cloud, and it shall
be for a token of a covenant between
Me and the earth. [14]And it shall come
to pass, when I bring clouds over the
earth, and the bow is seen in the cloud,
[15]that I will remember My covenant,
which is between Me and you and
every living creature of all flesh; and
the waters shall no more become a
flood to destroy all flesh. [16]And the
bow shall be in the cloud; and I will
look upon it, that I may remember the
everlasting covenant between God and
every living creature of all flesh that is
upon the earth.' [17]And God said unto
Noah: 'This is the token of the
covenant which I have established
between Me and all flesh that is upon
the earth.'

[18]And the sons of Noah, that went
forth from the ark, were Shem, and
Ham, and Japheth; and Ham is the
father of Canaan. [19]These three were
the sons of Noah, and of these was the
whole earth overspread.

[20]And Noah the husbandman began,
and planted a vineyard. [21]And he drank
of the wine, and was drunken; and he
was uncovered within his tent. [22]And
Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the
nakedness of his father, and told his
two brethren without. [23]And Shem and
Japheth took a garment, and laid it
upon both their shoulders, and went
backward, and covered the nakedness
of their father; and their faces were
backward, and they saw not their
father's nakedness. [24]And Noah awoke
from his wine, and knew what his
youngest son had done unto him.
[25]And he said:

Cursed be Canaan; a servant of
servants shall he be unto his
brethren.

[26]And he said:

Blessed be the LORD, the God of
Shem;
And let Canaan be their servant.
[27]God [a]enlarge Japheth, and he shall
dwell in the tents of Shem;
And let Canaan be their servant.

[28]And Noah lived after the flood
three hundred and fifty years. [29]And all
the days of Noah were nine hundred
and fifty years; and he died.

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Now these are the generations
of the sons of Noah: Shem,

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[a] Heb. *Japhth*.

Ham, and Japheth; and unto them were sons born after the flood. [2]The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. [3]And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. [4]And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. [5]Of these were the isles of the nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

[6]And the sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan. [7]And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabteca; and the sons of Raamah: Sheba, and Dedan. [8]And Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. [9]He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; wherefore it is said: ‘Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the Lord.’ [10]And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. [11]Out of that land went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and Rehoboth-ir, and Calah, [12]and Resen between Nineveh and Calah—the same is the great city. [13]And Mizraim begot Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, [14]and Pathrusim, and Casluhim—whence went forth the Philistines—and Caphtorim.

[15]And Canaan begot Zidon his firstborn, and Heth; [16]and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite; [17]and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite; [18]and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite; and afterward were the families of the Canaanite spread abroad. [19]And the border of the Canaanite was from Zidon, as thou goest toward Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboiim, unto Lasha. [20]These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations.

[21]And unto Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children born. [22]The sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. [23]And the sons of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. [24]And Arpachshad begot Shelah; and Shelah begot Eber. [25]And unto Eber were born two sons; the name of the one was [a]Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother’s name was Joktan. [26]And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah; [27]and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah; [28]and Obal, and Abimael, and Sheba; [29]and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab; all these were the sons of Joktan. [30]And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest toward Sephar, unto the mountain of the east. [31]These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

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[a] That is, *Division*.

[32]These are the families of the sons
of Noah, after their generations, in
their nations; and of these were the
nations divided in the earth after the
flood.

11 And the whole earth was of
one language and of one
speech. [2]And it came to pass, as they
journeyed east, that they found a plain
in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt
there. [3]And they said one to another:
'Come, let us make brick, and burn
them thoroughly.' And they had brick
for stone, and slime had they for
mortar. [4]And they said: 'Come, let us
build us a city, and a tower, with its
top in heaven, and let us make us a
name; lest we be scattered abroad
upon the face of the whole earth.'
[5]And the LORD came down to see the
city and the tower, which the children
of men builded. [6]And the LORD said:
'Behold, they are one people, and they
have all one language; and this is what
they begin to do; and now nothing will
be withholden from them, which they
purpose to do. [7]Come, let us go down,
and there confound their language, that
they may not understand one another's
speech.' [8]So the LORD scattered them
abroad from thence upon the face of
all the earth; and they left off to build
the city. [9]Therefore was the name of it
called Babel; because the LORD did
there [a]confound the language of all the
earth; and from thence did the LORD
scatter them abroad upon the face of
all the earth.

[10]These are the generations of Shem.
Shem was a hundred years old, and
begot Arpachshad two years after the
flood. [11]And Shem lived after he begot
Arpachshad five hundred years, and
begot sons and daughters.
[12]And Arpachshad lived five and
thirty years, and begot Shelah. [13]And
Arpachshad lived after he begot
Shelah four hundred and three years,
and begot sons and daughters.
[14]And Shelah lived thirty years, and
begot Eber. [15]And Shelah lived after
he begot Eber four hundred and three
years, and begot sons and daughters.
[16]And Eber lived four and thirty
years, and begot Peleg. [17]And Eber
lived after he begot Peleg four hundred
and thirty years, and begot sons and
daughters.
[18]And Peleg lived thirty years, and
begot Reu. [19]And Peleg lived after he
begot Reu two hundred and nine years,
and begot sons and daughters.
[20]And Reu lived two and thirty
years, and begot Serug. [21]And Reu
lived after he begot Serug two hundred
and seven years, and begot sons and
daughters.
[22]And Serug lived thirty years, and
begot Nahor. [23]And Serug lived after
he begot Nahor two hundred years,
and begot sons and daughters.
[24]And Nahor lived nine and twenty
years, and begot Terah. [25]And Nahor
lived after he begot Terah a hundred

[a] Heb. *Balal*, to confound.

and nineteen years, and begot sons and
daughters.
26 And Terah lived seventy years,
and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.
27 Now these are the generations of
Terah. Terah begot Abram, Nahor, and
Haran; and Haran begot Lot. 28 And
Haran died in the presence of his
father Terah in the land of his nativity,
in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram
and Nahor took them wives: the name
of Abram’s wife was Sarai; and the
name of Nahor’s wife, Milcah, the
daughter of Haran, the father of
Milcah, and the father of Iscah. 30 And
Sarai was barren; she had no child.
31 And Terah took Abram his son, and
Lot the son of Haran, his son’s son,
and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son
Abram’s wife; and they went forth
with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to
go into the land of Canaan; and they
came unto Haran, and dwelt there.
32 And the days of Terah were two
hundred and five years; and Terah died
in Haran.

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12 Now the Lord said unto
Abram: ‘Get thee out of thy
country, and from thy kindred, and
from thy father’s house, unto the land
that I will show thee. 2 And I will make
of thee a great nation, and I will bless
thee, and make thy name great; and be
thou a blessing. 3 And I will bless them
that bless thee, and him that curseth
thee will I curse; and in thee shall all
the families of the earth be blessed.’
4 So Abram went, as the Lord had
spoken unto him; and Lot went with
him; and Abram was seventy and five
years old when he departed out of
Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his
wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all
their substance that they had gathered,
and the souls that they had gotten in
Haran; and they went forth to go into
the land of Canaan; and into the land
of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram
passed through the land unto the place
of Shechem, unto the terebinth of
Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in
the land. 7 And the Lord appeared unto
Abram, and said: ‘Unto thy seed will I
give this land’; and he builded there an
altar unto the Lord, who appeared unto
him. 8 And he removed from thence
unto the mountain on the east of Beth-
el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el
on the west, and Ai on the east; and he
builded there an altar unto the Lord,
and called upon the name of the Lord.
9 And Abram journeyed, going on still
toward the South.
10 And there was a famine in the
land; and Abram went down into
Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine
was sore in the land. 11 And it came to
pass, when he was come near to enter
into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his
wife: ‘Behold now, I know that thou
art a fair woman to look upon. 12 And it
will come to pass, when the Egyptians
shall see thee, that they will say: This
is his wife; and they will kill me, but
thee they will keep alive. 13 Say, I pray
thee, thou art my sister; that it may be
well with me for thy sake, and that my

soul may live because of thee.' [14]And
it came to pass, that, when Abram was
come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld
the woman that she was very fair.
[15]And the princes of Pharaoh saw her,
and praised her to Pharaoh; and the
woman was taken into Pharaoh's
house. [16]And he dealt well with Abram
for her sake; and he had sheep, and
oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants,
and maid-servants, and she-asses, and
camels. [17]And the LORD plagued
Pharaoh and his house with great
plagues because of Sarai Abram's
wife. [18]And Pharaoh called Abram,
and said: 'What is this that thou hast
done unto me? why didst thou not tell
me that she was thy wife? [19]Why
saidst thou: She is my sister? so that I
took her to be my wife; now therefore
behold thy wife, take her, and go thy
way.' [20]And Pharaoh gave men charge
concerning him; and they brought him
on the way, and his wife, and all that
he had.

13 And Abram went up out of
Egypt, he, and his wife, and all
that he had, and Lot with him, into the
South. [2]And Abram was very rich in
cattle, in silver, and in gold. [3]And he
went on his journeys from the South
even to Beth-el, unto the place where
his tent had been at the beginning,
between Beth-el and Ai; [4]unto the
place of the altar, which he had made
there at the first; and Abram called
there on the name of the LORD. [5]And
Lot also, who went with Abram, had
flocks, and herds, and tents. [6]And the
land was not able to bear them, that
they might dwell together; for their
substance was great, so that they could
not dwell together. [7]And there was a
strife between the herdmen of Abram's
cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle.
And the Canaanite and the Perizzite
dwelt then in the land. [8]And Abram
said unto Lot: 'Let there be no strife, I
pray thee, between me and thee, and
between my herdmen and thy
herdmen; for we are brethren. [9]Is not
the whole land before thee? separate
thyself, I pray thee, from me; if thou
wilt take the left hand, then I will go to
the right; or if thou take the right hand,
then I will go to the left.' [10]And Lot
lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the
plain of the Jordan, that it was well
watered every where, before the LORD
destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like
the garden of the LORD, like the land of
Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar. [11]So
Lot chose him all the plain of the
Jordan; and Lot journeyed east; and
they separated themselves the one
from the other. [12]Abram dwelt in the
land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the
cities of the Plain, and moved his tent
as far as Sodom. [13]Now the men of
Sodom were wicked and sinners
against the LORD exceedingly. [14]And
the LORD said unto Abram, after that
Lot was separated from him: 'Lift up
now thine eyes, and look from the
place where thou art, northward and
southward and eastward and
westward; [15]for all the land which thou
seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy

seed for ever. 16And I will make thy
seed as the dust of the earth; so that if
a man can number the dust of the
earth, then shall thy seed also be
numbered. 17Arise, walk through the
land in the length of it and in the
breadth of it; for unto thee will I give
it.’ 18And Abram moved his tent, and
came and dwelt by the terebinths of
Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built
there an altar unto the Lord.

14 And it came to pass in the
days of Amraphel king of
Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar,
Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal
king of Goiim, 2that they made war
with Bera king of Sodom, and with
Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king
of Admah, and Shemeber king of
Zeboiim, and the king of Bela—the
same is Zoar. 3All these came as allies
unto the vale of Siddim—the same is
the Salt Sea. 4Twelve years they
served Chedorlaomer, and in the
thirteenth year they rebelled. 5And in
the fourteenth year came
Chedorlaomer and the kings that were
with him, and smote the Rephaim in
Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim in
Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-
kiriathaim, 6and the Horites in their
mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by
the wilderness. 7And they turned back,
and came to En-mishpat—the same is
Kadesh—and smote all the country of
the Amalekites, and also the Amorites,
that dwelt in Hazazon-tamar. 8And
there went out the king of Sodom, and
the king of Gomorrah, and the king of
Admah, and the king of Zeboiim, and
the king of Bela—the same is Zoar;
and they set the battle in array against
them in the vale of Siddim; 9against
Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal
king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of
Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar;
four kings against the five. 10Now the
vale of Siddim was full of slime pits;
and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah
fled, and they fell there, and they that
remained fled to the mountain. 11And
they took all the goods of Sodom and
Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and
went their way. 12And they took Lot,
Abram’s brother’s son, who dwelt in
Sodom, and his goods, and departed.
13And there came one that had
escaped, and told Abram the
Hebrew—now he dwelt by the
terebinths of Mamre the Amorite,
brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner;
and these were confederate with
Abram. 14And when Abram heard that
his brother was taken captive, he led
forth his trained men, born in his
house, three hundred and eighteen, and
pursued as far as Dan. 15And he
divided himself against them by night,
he and his servants, and smote them,
and pursued them unto Hobah, which
is on the left hand of Damascus. 16And
he brought back all the goods, and also
brought back his brother Lot, and his
goods, and the women also, and the
people. 17And the king of Sodom went
out to meet him, after his return from
the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the
kings that were with him, at the vale of

Shaveh—the same is the King's Vale.
[18]And Melchizedek king of Salem
brought forth bread and wine; and he
was priest of God the Most High.
[19]And he blessed him, and said:
'Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Maker of heaven and earth; [20]and
blessed be God the Most High, who
hath delivered thine enemies into thy
hand.' And he gave him a tenth of all.
[21]And the king of Sodom said unto
Abram: 'Give me the persons, and take
the goods to thyself.' [22]And Abram
said to the king of Sodom: 'I have
lifted up my hand unto the LORD, God
Most High, Maker of heaven and
earth, [23]that I will not take a thread nor
a shoe-latchet nor aught that is thine,
lest thou shouldest say: I have made
Abram rich; [24]save only that which the
young men have eaten, and the portion
of the men which went with me, Aner,
Eshcol, and Mamre, let them take their
portion.'

15 After these things the word of
the LORD came unto Abram in
a vision, saying: 'Fear not, Abram, I
am thy shield, thy reward shall be
exceeding great.' [2]And Abram said: 'O
Lord GOD, what wilt Thou give me,
seeing I go hence childless, and he that
shall be possessor of my house is
Eliezer of Damascus?' [3]And Abram
said: 'Behold, to me Thou hast given
no seed, and, lo, one born in my house
is to be mine heir.' [4]And, behold, the
word of the LORD came unto him,
saying: 'This man shall not be thine
heir; but he that shall come forth out of
thine own bowels shall be thine heir.'
[5]And He brought him forth abroad,
and said: 'Look now toward heaven,
and count the stars, if thou be able to
count them'; and He said unto him:
'So shall thy seed be.' [6]And he
believed in the LORD; and He counted
it to him for righteousness. [7]And He
said unto him: 'I am the LORD that
brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees,
to give thee this land to inherit it.'
[8]And he said: 'O Lord GOD, whereby
shall I know that I shall inherit it?'
[9]And He said unto him: 'Take Me a
heifer of three years old, and a she-
goat of three years old, and a ram of
three years old, and a turtle-dove, and
a young pigeon.' [10]And he took him all
these, and divided them in the midst,
and laid each half over against the
other; but the birds divided he not.
[11]And the birds of prey came down
upon the carcasses, and Abram drove
them away. [12]And it came to pass, that,
when the sun was going down, a deep
sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a
dread, even a great darkness, fell upon
him. [13]And He said unto Abram:
'Know of a surety that thy seed shall
be a stranger in a land that is not
theirs, and shall serve them; and they
shall afflict them four hundred years;
[14]and also that nation, whom they shall
serve, will I judge; and afterward shall
they come out with great substance.
[15]But thou shalt go to thy fathers in
peace; thou shalt be buried in a good
old age. [16]And in the fourth generation
they shall come back hither; for the

iniquity of the Amorite is not yet full.’
[17]And it came to pass, that, when the
sun went down, and there was thick
darkness, behold a smoking furnace,
and a flaming torch that passed
between these pieces. [18]In that day the
Lord made a covenant with Abram,
saying: ‘Unto thy seed have I given
this land, from the river of Egypt unto
the great river, the river Euphrates;
[19]the Kenite, and the Kenizzite, and the
Kadmonite, [20]and the Hittite, and the
Perizzite, and the Rephaim, [21]and the
Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the
Girgashite, and the Jebusite.’

16 Now Sarai Abram’s wife bore
him no children; and she had a
handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name
was Hagar. [2]And Sarai said unto
Abram: ‘Behold now, the Lord hath
restrained me from bearing; go in, I
pray thee, unto my handmaid; it may
be that I shall be builded up through
her.’ And Abram hearkened to the
voice of Sarai. [3]And Sarai Abram’s
wife took Hagar the Egyptian, her
handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten
years in the land of Canaan, and gave
her to Abram her husband to be his
wife. [4]And he went in unto Hagar, and
she conceived; and when she saw that
she had conceived, her mistress was
despised in her eyes. [5]And Sarai said
unto Abram: ‘My wrong be upon thee:
I gave my handmaid into thy bosom;
and when she saw that she had
conceived, I was despised in her eyes:
the Lord judge between me and thee.’
[6]But Abram said unto Sarai: ‘Behold,
thy maid is in thy hand; do to her that
which is good in thine eyes.’ And
Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she
fled from her face. [7]And the angel of
the Lord found her by a fountain of
water in the wilderness, by the
fountain in the way to Shur. [8]And he
said: ‘Hagar, Sarai’s handmaid,
whence camest thou? and whither
goest thou?’ And she said: ‘I flee from
the face of my mistress Sarai.’ [9]And
the angel of the Lord said unto her:
‘Return to thy mistress, and submit
thyself under her hands.’ [10]And the
angel of the Lord said unto her: ‘I will
greatly multiply thy seed, that it shall
not be numbered for multitude. [11]And
the angel of the Lord said unto her:
‘Behold, thou art with child, and shalt
bear a son; and thou shalt call his
name [a]Ishmael, because the Lord hath
heard thy affliction. [12]And he shall be
a wild ass of a man: his hand shall be
against every man, and every man’s
hand against him; and he shall dwell in
the face of all his brethren.’ [13]And she
called the name of the Lord that spoke
unto her, Thou art [b]a God of seeing;
for she said: ‘Have I even here seen
Him that seeth Me?’ [14]Wherefore the
well was called [c]Beer-lahai-roi;
behold, it is between Kadesh and
Bered. [15]And Hagar bore Abram a son;
and Abram called the name of his son,

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[a] That is, *God heareth*.

[b] Heb. *El roi*.

[c] That is, *The well of the Living One who seeth me*.

whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

17 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him: ‘I am God Almighty; walk before Me, and be thou wholehearted. 2 And I will make My covenant between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.’ 3 And Abram fell on his face; and God talked with him, saying: 4 ‘As for Me, behold, My covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be [a]the father of a multitude of nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. 7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and thee and thy seed after thee throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land of thy sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.’ 9 And God said unto Abraham: ‘And as for thee, thou shalt keep My covenant, thou, and thy seed after thee throughout their generations. 10 This is My covenant, which ye shall keep, between Me and you and thy seed after thee: every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of a covenant betwixt Me and you. 12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every male throughout your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any foreigner, that is not of thy seed. 13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised; and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken My covenant.’

15 And God said unto Abraham: ‘As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but [b]Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and moreover I will give thee a son of her; yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be of her.’ 17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart: ‘Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?’ 18 And Abraham said unto God: ‘Oh that Ishmael might live before Thee! ’ 19 And God said: ‘‘Nay, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son;

[a] Heb. *Ab hamon*.

[b] *That is, Princess*.

and thou shalt call his name [a]Isaac; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. [20]And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee; behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. [21]But My covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.’ [22]And He left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. [23]And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. [24]And Abraham was ninety years old and nine, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. [25]And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. [26]In the selfsame day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. [27]And all the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

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18 And the Lord appeared unto him by the terebinths of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; [2]and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed down to the earth, [3]and said: ‘My lord, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant. [4]Let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and recline yourselves under the tree. [5]And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and stay ye your heart; after that ye shall pass on; forasmuch as ye are come to your servant.’ And they said: ‘So do, as thou hast said.’ [6]And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said: ‘Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes.’ [7]And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto the servant; and he hastened to dress it. [8]And he took curd, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. [9]And they said unto him: ‘Where is Sarah thy wife?’ And he said: ‘Behold, in the tent.’ [10]And He said: ‘I will certainly return unto thee when the season cometh round; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.’ And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him.—[11]Now Abraham and Sarah were old, and well stricken in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.—[12]And Sarah laughed within

[a] From the Heb. Root meaning *to laugh*.

herself, saying: 'After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?' [13]And the Lord said unto Abraham: 'Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying: Shall I of a surety bear a child, who am old? [14]Is any thing too hard for the Lord. At the set time I will return unto thee, when the season cometh round, and Sarah shall have a son.' [15]Then Sarah denied, saying: 'I laughed not'; for she was afraid. And He said: 'Nay; but thou didst laugh.'

[16]And the men rose up from thence, and looked out toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. [17]And the Lord said: 'Shall I hide from Abraham that which I am doing; [18]seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? [19]For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which He hath spoken of him.' [20]And the Lord said: 'Verily, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and, verily, their sin is exceeding grievous. [21]I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto Me; and if not, I will know.' [22]And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. [23]And Abraham drew near, and said: 'Wilt Thou indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? [24]Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city; wilt Thou indeed sweep away and not forgive the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? [25]That be far from Thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from Thee; shall not the judge of all the earth do justly?' [26]And the Lord said: 'If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will forgive all the place for their sake.' [27]And Abraham answered and said: 'Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, who am but dust and ashes. [28]Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous; wilt Thou destroy all the city for lack of five?' And He said: 'I will not destroy it, if I find there forty and five.' [29]And he spoke unto Him yet again, and said: 'Peradventure there shall be forty found there.' And He said: 'I will not do it for the forty's sake.' [30]And he said: 'Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Peradventure there shall thirty be found there.' And He said: 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' [31]And he said: 'Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord. Peradventure there shall be twenty found there.' And He said: 'I will not destroy it for the twenty's sake.' [32]And he said: 'Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once. Peradventure ten shall be

found there.' And He said: 'I will not destroy it for the ten's sake.' 33 And the LORD went His way, as soon as He had left off speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.

19 And the two angels came to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom; and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he fell down on his face to the earth; 2 and he said: 'Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way.' And they said: 'Nay; but we will abide in the broad place all night.' 3 And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people from every quarter. 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him: 'Where are the men that came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.' 6 And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said: 'I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters that have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes; only unto these men do nothing; forasmuch as they are come under the shadow of my roof.' 9 And they said: 'Stand back.' And they said: 'This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs play the judge; now will we deal worse with thee, than with them.' And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door. 10 But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to them, and the door they shut. 11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great; so that they wearied themselves to find the door. 12 And the men said unto Lot: 'Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whomsoever thou hast in the city; bring them out of the place; 13 for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxed great before the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.' 14 And Lot went out, and spoke unto his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said: 'Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy the city.' But he seemed unto his sons-in-law as one that jested. 15 And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying: 'Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters that are here; lest thou be swept away in the iniquity of the city.' 16 But he lingered; and the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him. And they brought him forth, and set him without the city. 17 And it came to pass, when they had

brought them forth abroad, that he
said: ‘Escape for thy life; look not
behind thee, neither stay thou in all the
Plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou
be swept away.’ [18]And Lot said unto
them: ‘Oh, not so, my lord; [19]behold
now, thy servant hath found grace in
thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy
mercy, which thou hast shown unto me
in saving my life; and I cannot escape
to the mountain, lest the evil overtake
me, and I die. [20]Behold now, this city
is near to flee unto, and it is a little
one; oh, let me escape thither—is it
not a little one?—and my soul shall
live.’ [21]And he said unto him: ‘See, I
have accepted thee concerning this
thing also, that I will not overthrow the
city of which thou hast spoken.
[22]Hasten thou, escape thither; for I
cannot do any thing till thou be come
thither.’—Therefore the name of the
city was called [a]Zoar.— [23]The sun was
risen upon the earth when Lot came
unto Zoar. [24]Then the LORD caused to
rain upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah
brimstone and fire from the LORD out
of heaven; [25]and He overthrow those
cities, and all the Plain, and all the
inhabitants of the cities, and that which
grew upon the ground. [26]But his wife
looked back from behind him, and she
became a pillar of salt. [27]And Abraham
got up early in the morning to the
place where he had stood before the
LORD. [28]And he looked out toward
Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all
the land of the Plain, and beheld, and,
lo, the smoke of the land went up as
the smoke of a furnace.

[29]And it came to pass, when God
destroyed the cities of the Plain, that
God remembered Abraham, and sent
Lot out of the midst of the overthrow,
when He overthrew the cities in which
Lot dwelt.

[30]And Lot went up out of Zoar, and
dwelt in the mountain, and his two
daughters with him; for he feared to
dwell in Zoar; and he dwelt in a cave,
he and his two daughters. [31]And the
first-born said unto the younger: ‘Our
father is old, and there is not a man in
the earth to come in unto us after the
manner of all the earth. [32]Come, let us
make our father drink wine, and we
will lie with him, that we may preserve
seed of our father.’ [33]And they made
their father drink wine that night. And
the first-born went in, and lay with her
father; and he knew not when she lay
down, nor when she arose. [34]And it
came to pass on the morrow, that the
first-born said unto the younger:
‘Behold, I lay yesternight with my
father. Let us make him drink wine
this night also; and go thou in, and lie
with him, that we may preserve seed
of our father.’ [35]And they made their
father drink wine that night also. And
the younger arose, and lay with him;
and he knew not when she lay down,
nor when she arose. [36]Thus were both
the daughters of Lot with child by their
father. [37]And the first-born bore a son,
and called his name Moab—the same

[a] That is, *Little*, see verse 20.

is the father of the Moabites unto this
day. 38And the younger, she also bore
a son, and called his name Ben-
ammi—the same is the father of the
children of Ammon unto this day.

20 And Abraham journeyed from
thence toward the land of the
South, and dwelt between Kadesh and
Shur; and he sojourned in Gerar. 2And
Abraham said of Sarah his wife: ‘She
is my sister.’ And Abimelech king of
Gerar sent, and took Sarah. 3But God
came to Abimelech in a dream of the
night, and said to him: ‘Behold, thou
shalt die, because of the woman whom
thou hast taken; for she is a man’s
wife.’ 4Now Abimelech had not come
near her; and he said: ‘Lord, wilt Thou
slay even a righteous nation? 5Said he
not himself unto me: She is my sister?
and she, even she herself said: He is
my brother. In the simplicity of my
heart and the innocency of my hands
have I done this.’ 6And God said unto
him in the dream: ‘Yea, I know that in
the simplicity of thy heart thou hast
done this, and I also withheld thee
from sinning against Me. Therefore
suffered I thee not to touch her. 7Now
therefore restore the man’s wife; for he
is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee,
and thou shalt live; and if thou restore
her not, know thou that thou shalt
surely die, thou, and all that are thine.’
8And Abimelech rose early in the
morning, and called all his servants,
and told all these things in their ears;
and the men were sore afraid. 9Then
Abimelech called Abraham, and said
unto him: ‘What hast thou done unto
us? and wherein have I sinned against
thee, that thou hast brought on me and
on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast
done deeds unto me that ought not to
be done.’ 10And Abimelech said unto
Abraham: ‘What sawest thou, that
thou hast done this thing?’ 11And
Abraham said: ‘Because I thought:
Surely the fear of God is not in this
place; and they will slay me for my
wife’s sake. 12And moreover she is
indeed my sister, the daughter of my
father, but not the daughter of my
mother; and so she became my wife.
13And it came to pass, when God
caused me to wander from my father’s
house, that I said unto her: This is thy
kindness which thou shalt show unto
me; at every place whither we shall
come, say of me: He is my brother.’
14And Abimelech took sheep and oxen,
and men-servants and women-
servants, and gave them unto
Abraham, and restored him Sarah his
wife. 15And Abimelech said: ‘Behold,
my land is before thee: dwell where it
pleaseth thee.’ 16And unto Sarah he
said: ‘Behold, I have given thy brother
a thousand pieces of silver; behold, it
is for thee a covering of the eyes to all
that are with thee; and before all men
thou art righted.’ 17And Abraham
prayed unto God; and God healed
Abimelech, and his wife, and his
maid-servants; and they bore children.
18For the Lord had fast closed up all
the wombs of the house of Abimelech,
because of Sarah Abraham’s wife.

21 And the LORD remembered
Sarah as He had said, and the
LORD did unto Sarah as He had spoken.
[2]And Sarah conceived, and bore
Abraham a son in his old age, at the
set time of which God had spoken to
him. [3]And Abraham called the name of
his son that was born unto him, whom
Sarah bore to him, Isaac. [4]And
Abraham circumcised his son Isaac
when he was eight days old, as God
had commanded him. [5]And Abraham
was a hundred years old, when his son
Isaac was born unto him. [6]And Sarah
said: ‘God hath made laughter for me;
every one that heareth will laugh on
account of me.’ [7]And she said: ‘Who
would have said unto Abraham, that
Sarah should give children suck? for I
have borne him a son in his old age.’

[8]And the child grew, and was
weaned. And Abraham made a great
feast on the day that Isaac was
weaned. [9]And Sarah saw the son of
Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had
borne unto Abraham, making sport.
[10]Wherefore she said unto Abraham:
‘Cast out this bondwoman and her son;
for the son of this bondwoman shall
not be heir with my son, even with
Isaac.’ [11]And the thing was very
grievous in Abraham’s sight on
account of his son. [12]And God said
unto Abraham: ‘Let it not be grievous
in thy sight because of the lad, and
because of thy bondwoman; in all that
Sarah saith unto thee, hearken unto her
voice; for in Isaac shall seed be called
to thee. [13]And also of the son of the
bondwoman will I make a nation,
because he is thy seed.’ [14]And
Abraham arose up early in the
morning, and took bread and a bottle
of water, and gave it unto Hagar,
putting it on her shoulder, and the
child, and sent her away; and she
departed, and strayed in the wilderness
of Beer-sheba. [15]And the water in the
bottle was spent, and she cast the child
under one of the shrubs. [16]And she
went, and sat her down over against
him a good way off, as it were a bow-
shot; for she said: ‘Let me not look
upon the death of the child.’ And she
sat over against him, and lifted up her
voice, and wept. [17]And God heard the
voice of the lad; and the angel of God
called to Hagar out of heaven, and said
unto her: ‘What aileth thee, Hagar?
fear not; for God hath heard the voice
of the lad where he is. [18]Arise, lift up
the lad, and hold him fast by thy hand;
for I will make him a great nation.’
[19]And God opened her eyes, and she
saw a well of water; and she went, and
filled the bottle with water, and gave
the lad drink. [20]And God was with the
lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the
wilderness, and became an archer.
[21]And he dwelt in the wilderness of
Paran; and his mother took him a wife
out of the land of Egypt.

[22]And it came to pass at that time,
that Abimelech and Phicol the captain
of his host spoke unto Abraham,
saying: ‘God is with thee in all that
thou doest. [23]Now therefore swear unto
me here by God that thou wilt not deal

falsely with me, nor with my son, nor
with my son’s son; but according to
the kindness that I have done unto
thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the
land wherein thou hast sojourned.’
[24]And Abraham said: ‘I will swear.’
[25]And Abraham reproved Abimelech
because of the well of water, which
Abimelech’s servants had violently
taken away. [26]And Abimelech said: ‘I
know not who hath done this thing;
neither didst thou tell me, neither yet
heard I of it, but to-day.’ [27]And
Abraham took sheep and oxen, and
gave them unto Abimelech; and they
two made a covenant. [28]And Abraham
set seven ewe-lambs of the flock by
themselves. [29]And Abimelech said
unto Abraham: ‘What mean these
seven ewe-lambs which thou hast set
by themselves?’ [30]And he said:
‘Verily, these seven ewe-lambs shalt
thou take of my hand, that it may be a
witness unto me, that I have digged
this well.’ [31]Wherefore that place was
called Beer-sheba; because there they
swore both of them. [32]So they made a
covenant at Beer-sheba; and
Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the
captain of his host, and they returned
into the land of the Philistines. [33]And
Abraham planted a tamarisk-tree in
Beer-sheba, and called there on the
name of the Lord, the Everlasting
God. [34]And Abraham sojourned in the
land of the Philistines many days.

22 And it came to pass after these
things, that God did prove
Abraham, and said unto him:
‘Abraham’; and he said: ‘Here am I.’
[2]And He said: ‘Take now thy son,
thine only son, whom thou lovest,
even Isaac, and get thee into the land
of Moriah; and offer him there for a
burnt-offering upon one of the
mountains which I will tell thee of.’
[3]And Abraham rose early in the
morning, and saddled his ass, and took
two of his young men with him, and
Isaac his son; and he cleaved the wood
for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and
went unto the place of which God had
told him. [4]On the third day Abraham
lifted up his eyes, and saw the place
afar off. [5]And Abraham said unto his
young men: ‘Abide ye here with the
ass, and I and the lad will go yonder;
and we will worship, and come back to
you.’ [6]And Abraham took the wood of
the burnt-offering, and laid it upon
Isaac his son; and he took in his hand
the fire and the knife; and they went
both of them together. [7]And Isaac
spoke unto Abraham his father, and
said: ‘My father.’ And he said: ‘Here
am I, my son.’ And he said: ‘Behold
the fire and the wood; but where is the
lamb for a burnt-offering?’ [8]And
Abraham said: ‘God will [a]provide
Himself the lamb for a burnt-offering,
my son.’ So they went both of them
together. [9]And they came to the place
which God had told him of; and
Abraham built the altar there, and laid
the wood in order, and bound Isaac his
son, and laid him on the altar, upon the

[a] Heb *jireh*, that is, *see for Himself*.

wood. [10]And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. [11]And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said: ‘Abraham, Abraham.’ And he said: ‘Here am I.’ [12]And he said: ‘Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou art a God-fearing man, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from Me.’ [13]And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. [14]And Abraham called the name of that place [a]Adonai-jireh; as it is said to this day: ‘In the mount where the Lord is seen.’ [15]And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, [16]and said: ‘By Myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, [17]that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; [18]and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast hearkened to My voice.’ [19]So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

[a] That is, *The Lord seeth*.

[20]And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying: ‘Behold, Milcah, she also hath borne children unto thy brother Nahor: [21]Uz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram; [22]and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel.’ [23]And Bethuel begot Rebekah; these eight did Milcah bear to Nahor, Abraham’s brother. [24]And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bore Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash, and Maacah.

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23 And the life of Sarah was a hundred and seven and twenty years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. [2]And Sarah died in Kiriatharba—the same is Hebron—in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. [3]And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke unto the children of Heth, saying: [4]’I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight.’ [5]And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him: [6]’Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us; in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.’ [7]And Abraham rose up, and bowed down to the people of the land, even to

the children of Heth. [8]And he spoke with them, saying: ‘If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, [9]that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a burying-place.’ [10]Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the hearing of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying: [11]’Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee; bury thy dead.’ [12]And Abraham bowed down before the people of the land. [13]And he spoke unto Ephron in the hearing of the people of the land, saying: ‘But if thou wilt, I pray thee, hear me: I will give the price of the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there.’ [14]And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him: [15]’My lord, hearken unto me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead.’ [16]And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the hearing of the children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. [17]So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border thereof round about, were made sure[18]unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. [19]And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre—the same is Hebron—in the land of Canaan. [20]And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the children of Heth.

24 And Abraham was old, well stricken in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. [2]And Abraham said unto his servant, the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had: ‘Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh. [3]And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. [4]But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son, even for Isaac.’ [5]And the servant said unto him: ‘Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land; must I needs bring thy son back unto the land from whence thou camest?’ [6]And Abraham said unto him: ‘Beware thou that thou bring not my son back thither. [7]The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my

father's house, and from the land of my nativity, and who spoke unto me, and who swore unto me, saying: Unto thy seed will I give this land; He will send His angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife for my son from thence. [8]And if the woman be not willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath; only thou shalt not bring my son back thither.' [9]And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter. [10]And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed; having all goodly things of his master's in his hand; and he arose, and went to [a]Aram-naharaim, unto the city of Nahor. [11]And he made the camels to kneel down without the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that women go out to draw water. [12]And he said: 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, send me, I pray Thee, good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. [13]Behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. [14]So let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say: Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say: Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also; let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant, even for Isaac; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast shown kindness unto my master.' [15]And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. [16]And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her; and she went down to the fountain, and filled her pitcher, and came up. [17]And the servant ran to meet her, and said: 'Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher.' [18]And she said: 'Drink, my lord'; and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. [19]And when she had done giving him drink, she said: 'I will draw for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.' [20]And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw, and drew for all his camels. [21]And the man looked stedfastly on her; holding his peace, to know whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. [22]And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold; [23]and said: 'Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee. Is there room in thy father's house for us to lodge in?' [24]And she said unto him: 'I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore unto Nahor.' [25]She said moreover unto him: 'We have both straw and provender

[a] That is, *Mesopotamia*.

enough, and room to lodge in.' 26 And the man bowed his head, and prostrated himself before the Lord. 27 And he said: 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who hath not forsaken His mercy and His truth toward my master; as for me, the Lord hath led me in the way to the house of my master's brethren.' 28 And the damsel ran, and told her mother's house according to these words. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban; and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the fountain. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying: 'Thus spoke the man unto me, 'that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the fountain. 31 And he said: 'Come in, thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou without? for I have cleared the house, and made room for the camels.' 32 And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men that were with him. 33 And there was set food before him to eat; but he said: 'I will not eat, until I have told mine errand.' And he said: 'Speak on.' 34 And he said: 'I am Abraham's servant. 35 And the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great; and He hath given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and men-servants and maid-servants, and camels and asses. 36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and unto him hath he given all that he hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying: Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell. 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son. 39 And I said unto my master: Peradventure the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto me: The Lord, before whom I walk, will send His angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house; 41 then shalt thou be clear from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give her not to thee, thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the fountain, and said: O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now Thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and let it come to pass, that the maiden that cometh forth to draw, to whom I shall say: Give me, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher to drink; 44 and she shall say to me: Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels; let the same be the woman whom the Lord hath appointed for my master's son. 45 And before I had done speaking to my heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the fountain, and drew. And I said unto her: Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And she made

haste, and let down her pitcher from
her shoulder, and said: Drink, and I
will give thy camels drink also. So I
drank, and she made the camels drink
also. [47]And I asked her, and said:
Whose daughter art thou? And she
said: The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's
son, whom Milcah bore unto him. And
I put the ring upon her nose, and the
bracelets upon her hands. [48]And I
bowed my head, and prostrated myself
before the LORD, and blessed the LORD,
the God of my master Abraham, who
had led me in the right way to take my
master's brother's daughter for his
son. [49]And now if ye will deal kindly
and truly with my master, tell me; and
if not, tell me; that I may turn to the
right hand, or to the left.' [50]Then
Laban and Bethuel answered and said:
'The thing proceedeth from the LORD;
we cannot speak unto thee bad or
good. [51]Behold, Rebekah is before
thee, take her, and go, and let her be
thy master's son's wife, as the LORD
hath spoken.' [52]And it came to pass,
that, when Abraham's servant heard
their words, he bowed himself down to
the earth unto the LORD. [53]And the
servant brought forth jewels of silver,
and jewels of gold, and raiment, and
gave them to Rebekah; he gave also to
her brother and to her mother precious
things. [54]And they did eat and drink,
he and the men that were with him,
and tarried all night; and they rose up
in the morning, and he said: 'Send me
away unto my master.' [55]And her
brother and her mother said: 'Let the
damsel abide with us a few days, at the
least ten; after that she shall go.' [56]And
he said unto them: 'Delay me not,
seeing the LORD hath prospered my
way; send me away that I may go to
my master.' [57]And they said: 'We will
call the damsel, and inquire at her
mouth.' [58]And they called Rebekah,
and said unto her: 'Wilt thou go with
this man?' And she said: 'I will go.'
[59]And they sent away Rebekah their
sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's
servant, and his men. [60]And they
blessed Rebekah, and said unto her:
'Our sister, be thou the mother of
thousands of ten thousands, and let thy
seed possess the gate of those that hate
them.' [61]And Rebekah arose, and her
damsels, and they rode upon the
camels, and followed the man. And the
servant took Rebekah, and went his
way. [62]And Isaac came from the way
of Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the
land of the South. [63]And Isaac went
out to meditate in the field at the
eventide; and he lifted up his eyes, and
saw, and, behold, there were camels
coming. [64]And Rebekah lifted up her
eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she
alighted from the camel. [65]And she
said unto the servant: 'What man is
this that walketh in the field to meet
us?' And the servant said: 'It is my
master.' And she took her veil, and
covered herself. [66]And the servant told
Isaac all the things that he had done.
[67]And Isaac brought her into his
mother Sarah's tent, and took
Rebekah, and she became his wife;

and he loved her. And Isaac was
comforted for his mother.

25 And Abraham took another
wife, and her name was
Keturah. 2And she bore him Zimran,
and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian,
and Ishbak, and Shuah. 3And Jokshan
begot Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons
of Dedan were Asshurim, and
Letushim, and Leummim. 4And the
sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and
Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All
these were the children of Keturah.
5And Abraham gave all that he had
unto Isaac. 6But unto the sons of the
concubines, that Abraham had,
Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them
away from Isaac his son, while he yet
lived, eastward, unto the east country.
7And these are the days of the years of
Abraham’s life which he lived, a
hundred threescore and fifteen years.
8And Abraham expired, and died in a
good old age, an old man, and full of
years; and was gathered to his people.
9And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried
him in the cave of Machpelah, in the
field of Ephron the son of Zohar the
Hittite, which is before Mamre; 10the
field which Abraham purchased of the
children of Heth; there was Abraham
buried, and Sarah his wife. 11And it
came to pass after the death of
Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his
son; and Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi.

12Now these are the generations of
Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar
the Egyptian, Sarah’s handmaid, bore
unto Abraham. 13And these are the
names of the sons of Ishmael, by their
names, according to their generations:
the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth;
and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,
14and Mishma, and Dumah, and
Massa; 15Hadad, and Tema, Jetur,
Naphish, and Kedem; 16these are the
sons of Ishmael, and these are their
names, by their villages, and by their
encampments; twelve princes
according to their nations. 17And these
are the years of the life of Ishmael, a
hundred and thirty and seven years;
and he expired and died; and was
gathered unto his people. 18And they
dwelt from Havilah unto Shur that is
before Egypt, as thou goest toward
Asshur: over against all his brethren he
did settle.

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19And these are the generations of
Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham begot
Isaac. 20And Isaac was forty years old
when he took Rebekah, the daughter of
Bethuel the Aramean, of Paddan-aram,
the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be
his wife. 21And Isaac entreated the
Lord for his wife, because she was
barren; and the Lord let Himself be
entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife
conceived. 22And the children
struggled together within her; and she
said: ‘If it be so, wherefore do I live?’
And she went to inquire of the Lord.
23And the Lord said unto her:

Two nations are in thy womb,
And two peoples shall be separated
from thy bowels;

And the one people shall be stronger
than the other people;
And the elder shall serve the
younger.

[24]And when her days to be delivered
were fulfilled, behold, there were
twins in her womb. [25]And the first
came forth ruddy, all over like a hairy
mantle; and they called his name Esau.
[26]And after that came forth his brother,
and his hand had hold on Esau's heel;
and his name was called [a]Jacob. And
Isaac was threescore years old when
she bore them. [27]And the boys grew;
and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man
of the field; and Jacob was a quiet
man, dwelling in tents. [28]Now Isaac
loved Esau, because he did eat of his
venison; and Rebekah loved Jacob.
[29]And Jacob sod pottage; and Esau
came in from the field, and he was
faint. [30]And Esau said to Jacob: 'Let
me swallow, I pray thee, some of this
red, red pottage; for I am faint.'
Therefore was his name called [b]Edom.
[31]And Jacob said: 'Sell me first thy
birth right.' [32]And Esau said: 'Behold,
I am at the point to die; and what profit
shall the birthright do to me?' [33]And
Jacob said: 'Swear to me first'; and he
swore unto him; and he sold his
birthright unto Jacob. [34]And Jacob
gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils;
and he did eat and drink, and rose up,
and went his way. So Esau despised
his birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the
land, beside the first famine
that was in the days of Abraham. And
Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the
Philistines unto Gerar. [2]And the Lord
appeared unto him, and said: 'Go not
down unto Egypt; dwell in the land
which I shall tell thee of. [3]Sojourn in
this land, and I will be with thee, and
will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto
thy seed, I will give all these lands,
and I will establish the oath which I
swore unto Abraham thy father; [4]and I
will multiply thy seed as the stars of
heaven, and will give unto thy seed all
these lands; and by thy seed shall all
the nations of the earth bless
themselves; [5]because that Abraham
hearkened to My voice, and kept My
charge, My commandments, My
statutes, and My laws.' [6]And Isaac
dwelt in Gerar. [7]And the men of the
place asked him of his wife; and he
said: 'She is my sister'; for he feared
to say: 'My wife'; 'lest the men of the
place should kill me for Rebekah,
because she is fair to look upon.' [8]And
it came to pass, when he had been
there a long time, that Abimelech king
of the Philistines looked out at a
window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac
was sporting with Rebekah his wife.
[9]And Abimelech called Isaac, and said:
'Behold, of a surety she is thy wife;
and how saidst thou: She is my sister?'
And Isaac said unto him: 'Because I
said: Lest I die because of her.' [10]And

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[a] That is, *One that takes by the heel, or, supplants*.

[b] That is, *Red*.

Abimelech said: 'What is this thou
hast done unto us? one of the people
might easily have lain with thy wife,
and thou wouldest have brought
guiltiness upon us.' [11]And Abimelech
charged all the people, saying: 'He that
toucheth this man or his wife shall
surely be put to death.' [12]And Isaac
sowed in that land, and found in the
same year a hundred-fold; and the
LORD blessed him. [13]And the man
waxed great, and grew more and more
until he became very great. [14]And he
had possessions of flocks, and
possessions of herds, and a great
household; and the Philistines envied
him. [15]Now all the wells which his
father's servants had digged in the
days of Abraham his father, the
Philistines had stopped them, and
filled them with earth. [16]And
Abimelech said unto Isaac: 'Go from
us; for thou art much mightier than
we.' [17]And Isaac departed thence, and
encamped in the valley of Gerar, and
dwelt there. [18]And Isaac digged again
the wells of water, which they had
digged in the days of Abraham his
father; for the Philistines had stopped
them after the death of Abraham; and
he called their names after the names
by which his father had called them.
[19]And Isaac's servants digged in the
valley, and found there a well of living
water. [20]And the herdmen of Gerar
strove with Isaac's herdmen, saying:
'The water is ours.' And he called the
name of the well [a]Esek; because they
contended with him. [21]And they
digged another well, and they strove
for that also. And he called the name
of it [b]Sitnah. [22]And he removed from
thence, and digged another well; and
for that they strove not. And he called
the name of it [c]Rehoboth; and he said:
'For now the LORD hath made room for
us, and we shall be fruitful in the
land.' [23]And he went up from thence to
Beer-sheba. [24]And the LORD appeared
unto him the same night, and said: 'I
am the God of Abraham thy father.
Fear not, for I am with thee, and will
bless thee, and multiply thy seed for
My servant Abraham's sake.' [25]And he
builded an altar there, and called upon
the name of the LORD, and pitched his
tent there; and there Isaac's servants
digged a well. [26]Then Abimelech went
to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his
friend, and Phicol the captain of his
host. [27]And Isaac said unto them:
'Wherefore are ye come unto me,
seeing ye hate me, and have sent me
away from you?' [28]And they said: 'We
saw plainly that the LORD was with
thee; and we said: Let there now be an
oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and
thee, and let us make a covenant with
thee; [29]that thou wilt do us no hurt, as
we have not touched thee, and as we
have done unto thee nothing but good,
and have sent thee away in peace; thou

[a] That is, *Contention*.
[b] That is, *Enmity*.
[c] That is, *Room*.

art now the blessed of the LORD.'
30 And he made them a feast, and they
did eat and drink. 31 And they rose up
betimes in the morning, and swore one
to another; and Isaac sent them away,
and they departed from him in peace.
32 And it came to pass the same day,
that Isaac's servants came, and told
him concerning the well which they
had digged, and said unto him: 'We
have found water.' 33 And he called it
Shibah. Therefore the name of the city
is Beer-sheba unto this day.

34 And when Esau was forty years
old, he took to wife Judith the
daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and
Basemath the daughter of Elon the
Hittite. 35 And they were a bitterness of
spirit unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

27 And it came to pass, that when
Isaac was old, and his eyes
were dim, so that he could not see, he
called Esau his elder son, and said
unto him: 'My son'; and he said unto
him: 'Here am I.' 2 And he said:
'Behold now, I am old, I know not the
day of my death. 3 Now therefore take,
I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver
and thy bow, and go out to the field,
and take me venison; 4 and make me
savoury food, such as I love, and bring
it to me, that I may eat; that my soul
may bless thee before I die.' 5 And
Rebekah heard when Isaac spoke to
Esau his son. And Esau went to the
field to hunt for venison, and to bring
it. 6 And Rebekah spoke unto Jacob her
son, saying: 'Behold, I heard thy father
speak unto Esau thy brother, saying:
7 Bring me venison, and make me
savoury food, that I may eat, and bless
thee before the LORD before my death.
8 Now therefore, my son, hearken to
my voice according to that which I
command thee. 9 Go now to the flock,
and fetch me from thence two good
kids of the goats; and I will make them
savoury food for thy father, such as he
loveth; 10 and thou shalt bring it to thy
father, that he may eat, so that he may
bless thee before his death.' 11 And
Jacob said to Rebekah his mother:
'Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy
man, and I am a smooth man. 12 My
father peradventure will feel me, and I
shall seem to him as a mocker; and I
shall bring a curse upon me, and not a
blessing.' 13 And his mother said unto
him: 'Upon me be thy curse, my son;
only hearken to my voice, and go fetch
me them.' 14 And he went, and fetched,
and brought them to his mother; and
his mother made savoury food, such as
his father loved. 15 And Rebekah took
the choicest garments of Esau her
elder son, which were with her in the
house, and put them upon Jacob her
younger son. 16 And she put the skins
of the kids of the goats upon his hands,
and upon the smooth of his neck.
17 And she gave the savoury food and
the bread, which she had prepared,
into the hand of her son Jacob. 18 And
he came unto his father, and said: 'My
father'; and he said: 'Here am I; who
art thou, my son?' 19 And Jacob said
unto his father: 'I am Esau thy first-
born; I have done according as thou

badest me. Arise, I pray thee, sit and
eat of my venison, that thy soul may
bless me.’ [20]And Isaac said unto his
son: ‘How is it that thou hast found it
so quickly, my son?’ And he said:
‘Because the Lord thy God sent me
good speed.’ [21]And Isaac said unto
Jacob: ‘Come near, I pray thee, that I
may feel thee, my son, whether thou
be my very son Esau or not.’ [22]And
Jacob went near unto Isaac his father;
and he felt him, and said: ‘The voice is
the voice of Jacob, but the hands are
the hands of Esau.’ [23]And he discerned
him not, because his hands were hairy,
as his brother Esau’s hands; so he
blessed him. [24]And he said: ‘Art thou
my very son Esau?’ And he said: ‘I
am.’ [25]And he said: ‘Bring it near to
me, and I will eat of my son’s venison,
that my soul may bless thee.’ And he
brought it near to him, and he did eat;
and he brought him wine, and he
drank. [26]And his father Isaac said unto
him: ‘Come near now, and kiss me,
my son.’ [27]And he came near, and
kissed him. And he smelled the smell
of his raiment, and blessed him, and
said:

See, the smell of my son
Is as the smell of a field which the
Lord hath blessed.
[28]So God give thee of the dew of
heaven,
And of the fat places of the earth,
And plenty of corn and wine.
[29]Let peoples serve thee,
And nations bow down to thee.
Be lord over thy brethren,
And let thy mother’s sons bow
down to thee.
Cursed be every one that curseth
thee,
And blessed be every one that
blesseth thee.

[30]And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac
had made an end of blessing Jacob,
and Jacob was yet scarce gone out
from the presence of Isaac his father,
that Esau his brother came in from his
hunting. [31]And he also made savoury
food, and brought it unto his father;
and he said unto his father: ‘Let my
father arise, and eat of his son’s
venison, that thy soul may bless me.’
[32]And Isaac his father said unto him:
‘Who art thou?’ And he said: ‘I am thy
son, thy first-born, Esau.’ [33]And Isaac
trembled very exceedingly, and said:
‘Who then is he that hath taken
venison, and brought it me, and I have
eaten of all before thou camest, and
have blessed him? yea, and he shall be
blessed.’ [34]When Esau heard the words
of his father, he cried with an
exceeding great and bitter cry, and said
unto his father: ‘Bless me, even me
also, O my father.’ [35]And he said: ‘Thy
brother came with guile, and hath
taken away thy blessing.’ [36]And he
said: ‘Is not he rightly named Jacob?
for he hath supplanted me these two
times: he took away my birthright;
and, behold, now he hath taken away
my blessing.’ And he said: ‘Hast thou
not reserved a blessing for me?’ [37]And
Isaac answered and said unto Esau:
‘Behold, I have made him thy lord,

and all his brethren have I given to
him for servants; and with corn and
wine have I sustained him; and what
then shall I do for thee, my son?’
38 And Esau said unto his father: ‘Hast
thou but one blessing, my father? bless
me, even me also, O my father.’ And
Esau lifted up his voice, and wept.
39 And Isaac his father answered and
said unto him:

Behold, of the fat places of the earth
shall be thy dwelling,
And of the dew of heaven from
above;
40 And by thy sword shalt thou live,
And thou shalt serve thy brother;
And it shall come to pass when thou
shalt break loose,
That thou shalt shake his yoke from
off thy neck.

41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the
blessing wherewith his father blessed
him. And Esau said in his heart: ‘Let
the days of mourning for my father be
at hand; then will I slay my brother
Jacob.’ 42 And the words of Esau her
elder son were told to Rebekah; and
she sent and called Jacob her younger
son, and said unto him: ‘Behold, thy
brother Esau, as touching thee, doth
comfort himself, purposing to kill thee.
43 Now therefore, my son, hearken to
my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban
my brother to Haran; 44 and tarry with
him a few days, until thy brother’s
fury turn away; 45 until thy brother’s
anger turn away from thee, and he
forget that which thou hast done to
him; then I will send, and fetch thee
from thence; why should I be bereaved
of you both in one day?’
46 And Rebekah said to Isaac: ‘I am
weary of my life because of the
daughters of Heth. If Jacob take a wife
of the daughters of Heth, such as these,
of the daughters of the land, what good
shall my life do me?’

28 And Isaac called Jacob, and
blessed him, and charged him,
and said unto him: ‘Thou shalt not take
a wife of the daughters of Canaan.
2 Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the
house of Bethuel thy mother’s father;
and take thee a wife from thence of the
daughters of Laban thy mother’s
brother. 3 And God Almighty bless
thee, and make thee fruitful, and
multiply thee, that thou mayest be a
congregation of peoples; 4 and give
thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee,
and to thy seed with thee; that thou
mayest inherit the land of thy
sojournings, which God gave unto
Abraham.’ 5 And Isaac sent away
Jacob; and he went to Paddan-aram
unto Laban, son of Bethuel the
Aramean, the brother of Rebekah,
Jacob’s and Esau’s mother. 6 Now Esau
saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and
sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take
him a wife from thence; and that as he
blessed him he gave him a charge,
saying: ‘Thou shalt not take a wife of
the daughters of Canaan’; 7 and that
Jacob hearkened to his father and his
mother, and was gone to Paddan-aram;
8 and Esau saw that the daughters of
Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;

9so Esau went unto Ishmael, and took
unto the wives that he had Mahalath
the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's
son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his
wife.

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10And Jacob went out from Beer-
sheba, and went toward Haran. 11And
he lighted upon the place, and tarried
there all night, because the sun was
set; and he took one of the stones of
the place, and put it under his head,
and lay down in that place to sleep.
12And he dreamed, and behold a ladder
set up on the earth, and the top of it
reached to heaven; and behold the
angels of God ascending and
descending on it. 13And, behold, the
Lord stood beside him, and said: 'I am
the Lord, the God of Abraham thy
father, and the God of Isaac. The land
whereon thou liest, to thee will I give
it, and to thy seed. 14And thy seed shall
be as the dust of the earth, and thou
shalt spread abroad to the west, and to
the east, and to the north, and to the
south. And in thee and in thy seed
shall all the families of the earth be
blessed. 15And, behold, I am with thee,
and will keep thee whithersoever thou
goest, and will bring thee back into
this land; for I will not leave thee, until
I have done that which I have spoken
to thee of.' 16And Jacob awaked out of
his sleep, and he said: 'Surely the Lord
is in this place; and I knew it not.'
17And he was afraid, and said: 'How
full of awe is this place! this is none
other than the house of God, and this is
the gate of heaven.' 18And Jacob rose
up early in the morning, and took the
stone that he had put under his head,
and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil
upon the top of it. 19And he called the
name of that place [a]Beth-el, but the
name of the city was Luz at the first.
20And Jacob vowed a vow, saying: 'If
God will be with me, and will keep me
in this way that I go, and will give me
bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
21so that I come back to my father's
house in peace, then shall the Lord be
my God, 22and this stone, which I have
set up for a pillar, shall be God's
house; and of all that Thou shalt give
me I will surely give the tenth unto
Thee.'

29 Then Jacob went on his
journey, and came to the land
of the children of the east. 2And he
looked, and behold a well in the field,
and, lo, three flocks of sheep lying
there by it.—For out of that well they
watered the flocks. And the stone upon
the well's mouth was great. 3And
thither were all the flocks gathered;
and they rolled the stone from the
well's mouth, and watered the sheep,
and put the stone back upon the well's
mouth in its place.— 4And Jacob said
unto them: 'My brethren, whence are
ye?' And they said: 'Of Haran are we.'
5And he said unto them: 'Know ye
Laban the son of Nahor?' And they
said: 'We know him.' 6And he said
unto them: 'Is it well with him?' And

[a] That is, *The house of God*.

they said: ‘It is well; and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep.’ 7 And he said: ‘Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together; water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.’ 8 And they said: ‘We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well’s mouth; then we water the sheep.’ 9 While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with her father’s sheep; for she tended them. 10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother’s brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother’s brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well’s mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother’s brother. 11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12 And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father’s brother, and that he was Rebekah’s son; and she ran and told her father. 13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister’s son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. 14 And Laban said to him: ‘Surely thou art my bone and my flesh.’ And he abode with him the space of a month. 15 And Laban said unto Jacob: ‘Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?’ 16 Now Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 And Leah’s eyes were weak; but Rachel was of beautiful form and fair to look upon. 18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and he said: ‘I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.’ 19 And Laban said: ‘It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man; abide with me.’ 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. 21 And Jacob said unto Laban: ‘Give me my wife, for my days are filled, that I may go in unto her.’ 22 And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24 And Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid unto his daughter Leah for a handmaid. 25 And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Leah; and he said to Laban: ‘What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?’ 26 And Laban said: ‘It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the first-born. 27 Fulfil the week of this one, and we will give thee the other also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years.’ 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week; and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her handmaid. 30 And he went in also unto

Rachel, and he loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

[31]And the Lord saw that Leah was hated, and he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. [32]And Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said: ‘Because the Lord [a]hath looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me.’ [33]And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said: ‘Because the Lord [b]hath heard that I am hated, He hath therefore given me this son also.’ And she called his name [c]Simeon. [34]And she conceived again, and bore a son; and said: ‘Now this time will my husband be [d]joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons.’ Therefore was his name called Levi. [35]And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she said: ‘This time will I [e]praise the Lord.’ Therefore she called his name [f]Judah; and she left off bearing.

**30** And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said unto Jacob: ‘Give me children, or else I die.’ [2]And Jacob’s anger was kindled against Rachel; and he said: ‘Am I in God’s stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb?’ [3]And she said: ‘Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; that she may bear upon my knees, and I also may be builded up through her.’ [4]And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife; and Jacob went in unto her. [5]And Bilhah conceived, and bore Jacob a son. [6]And Rachel said: ‘God hath [g]judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son.’ Therefore called she his name Dan. [7]And Bilhah Rachel’s handmaid conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. [8]And Rachel said: ‘With mighty wrestlings have I [h]wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed.’ And she called his name Naphtali. [9]When Leah saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife. [10]And Zilpah Leah’s handmaid bore Jacob a son. [11]And Leah said: ‘Fortune is come! ’ And she called his name [i]Gad. [12]And Zilpah Leah’s handmaid bore Jacob a second son. [13]And Leah said: ‘Happy am I! for the daughters will call me happy.’ And she called his name [j]Asher. [14]And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah: ‘Give me, I pray thee, of thy son’s mandrakes.’ [15]And she said unto her: ‘Is it a small

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[a] Heb. *raah beonji*.
[b] Heb. *shama*.
[c] Heb. *Shimeon*.
[d] From the Heb. root *lavah*.
[e] From the Heb. *hodah*.
[f] Heb. *Jehudah*.

[g] Heb. *dan*, he judged.
[h] Heb. *niphtal*, he wrestled.
[i] That is, *Fortune*.
[j] That is, *Happy*.

matter that thou hast taken away my
husband? and wouldest thou take away
my son’s mandrakes also?’ And
Rachel said: ‘Therefore he shall lie
with thee to-night for thy son’s
mandrakes.’ 16And Jacob came from
the field in the evening, and Leah went
out to meet him, and said: ‘Thou must
come in unto me; for I have surely
hired thee with my son’s mandrakes.’
And he lay with her that night. 17And
God hearkened unto Leah, and she
conceived, and bore Jacob a fifth son.
18And Leah said: ‘God hath given me
my [a]hire, because I gave my handmaid
to my husband. And she called his
name Issachar. 19And Leah conceived
again, and bore a sixth son to Jacob.
20And Leah said: ‘God hath endowed
me with a good dowry; now will my
husband [b]dwell with me, because I
have borne him six sons.’ And she
called his name Zebulun. 21And
afterwards she bore a daughter, and
called her name Dinah. 22And God
remembered Rachel, and God
hearkened to her, and opened her
womb. 23And she conceived, and bore
a son, and said: ‘God [c]hath taken away
my reproach.’ 24And she called his
name Joseph, saying: ‘The LORD [d]add
to me another son.’

25And it came to pass, when Rachel
had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto
Laban: ‘Send me away, that I may go
unto mine own place, and to my
country. 26Give me my wives and my
children for whom I have served thee,
and let me go; for thou knowest my
service wherewith I have served thee.’
27And Laban said unto him: ‘If now I
have found favour in thine eyes—I
have observed the signs, and the LORD
hath blessed me for thy sake.’ 28And
he said: ‘Appoint me thy wages, and I
will give it.’ 29And he said unto him:
‘Thou knowest how I have served
thee, and how thy cattle have fared
with me. 30For it was little which thou
hadst before I came, and it hath
increased abundantly; and the LORD
hath blessed thee whithersoever I
turned. And now when shall I provide
for mine own house also?’ 31And he
said: ‘What shall I give thee?’ And
Jacob said: ‘Thou shalt not give me
aught; if thou wilt do this thing for me,
I will again feed thy flock and keep it.
32I will pass through all thy flock to-
day, removing from thence every
speckled and spotted one, and every
dark one among the sheep, and the
spotted and speckled among the goats;
and of such shall be my hire. 33So shall
my righteousness witness against me
hereafter, when thou shalt come to
look over my hire that is before thee:
every one that is not speckled and
spotted among the goats, and dark
among the sheep, that if found with me
shall be counted stolen.’ 34And Laban
said: ‘Behold, would it might be
according to thy word.’ 35And he

[a] Heb. *sachar*.
[b] Heb. *sabal*, he dwelt.
[c] Heb. *asaph*.
[d] Heb. *joseph*.

removed that day the he-goats that
were streaked and spotted, and all the
she-goats that were speckled and
spotted, every one that had white in it,
and all the dark ones among the sheep,
and gave them into the hand of his
sons. 36And he set three days'journey
betwixt himself and Jacob. And Jacob
fed the rest of Laban's flocks. 37And
Jacob took him rods of fresh poplar,
and of the almond and of the plane-
tree; and peeled white streaks in them,
making the white appear which was in
the rods. 38And he set the rods which
he had peeled over against the flocks
in the gutters in the watering-troughs
where the flocks came to drink; and
they conceived when they came to
drink. 39And the flocks conceived at
the sight of the rods, and the flocks
brought forth streaked, speckled, and
spotted. 40And Jacob separated the
lambs—he also set the faces of the
flocks toward the streaked and all the
dark in the flock of Laban— and put
his own droves apart, and put them not
unto Laban's flock. 41And it came to
pass, whensoever the stronger of the
flock did conceive, that Jacob laid the
rods before the eyes of the flock in the
gutters, that they might conceive
among the rods; 42but when the flock
were feeble, he put them not in; so the
feebler were Laban's, and the stronger
Jacob's. 43And the man increased
exceedingly, and had large flocks, and
maid-servants and men-servants, and
camels and asses.

31 And he heard the words of
Laban's sons, saying: 'Jacob hath
taken away all that was our father's;
and of that which was our father's hath
he gotten all this wealth.' 2And Jacob
beheld the countenance of Laban, and,
behold, it was not toward him as
beforetime. 3And the Lord said unto
Jacob: 'Return unto the land of thy
fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will
be with thee.' 4And Jacob sent and
called Rachel and Leah to the field
unto his flock, 5and said unto them: 'I
see your father's countenance, that it is
not toward me as beforetime; but the
God of my father hath been with me.
6And ye know that with all my power I
have served your father. 7And your
father hath mocked me, and changed
my wages ten times; but God suffered
him not to hurt me. 8If he said thus:
The speckled shall be thy wages; then
all the flock bore speckled; and if he
said thus: The streaked shall be thy
wages; then bore all the flock streaked.
9Thus God hath taken away the cattle
of your father, and given them to me.
10And it came to pass at the time that
the flock conceived, that I lifted up
mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and,
behold, the he-goats which leaped
upon the flock were streaked,
speckled, and grizzled. 11And the angel
of God said unto me in the dream:
Jacob; and I said: Here am I. 12And he
said: Lift up now thine eyes, and see,
all the he-goats which leap upon the
flock are streaked, speckled, and
grizzled; for I have seen all that Laban
doeth unto thee. 13I am the God of

Beth-el, where thou didst anoint a pillar, where thou didst vow a vow unto Me. Now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy nativity.’ [14]And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him: ‘Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father’s house? [15]Are we not accounted by him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath also quite devoured our price. [16]For all the riches which God hath taken away from our father, that is ours and our children’s. Now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.’ [17]Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon the camels; [18]and he carried away all his cattle, and all his substance which he had gathered, the cattle of his getting, which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to Isaac his father unto the land of Canaan. [19]Now Laban was gone to shear his sheep. And Rachel stole the teraphim that were her father’s. [20]And Jacob outwitted Laban the Aramean, in that he told him not that he fled. [21]So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over [a]the River, and set his face toward the mountain of Gilead.

[22]And it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. [23]And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days’journey; and he overtook him in the mountain of Gilead. [24]And God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream of the night, and said unto him: ‘Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad.’ [25]And Laban came up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain; and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mountain of Gilead. [26]And Laban said to Jacob: ‘What hast thou done, that thou hast outwitted me, and carried away my daughters as though captives of the sword? [27]Wherefore didst thou flee secretly, and outwit me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth and with songs, with tabret and with harp; [28]and didst not suffer me to kiss my sons and my daughters? now hast thou done foolishly. [29]It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt; but the God of your father spoke unto me yesternight, saying: Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. [30]And now that thou art surely gone, because thou sore longest after thy father’s house, wherefore hast thou stolen my gods?’ [31]And Jacob answered and said to Laban: ‘Because I was afraid; for I said: Lest thou shouldest take thy daughters from me by force. [32]With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, he shall not live; before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee.’—For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them.— [33]And Laban went into Jacob’s tent, and into Leah’s tent, and into the tent of the two maid-servants; but he found them not. And he went out of Leah’s tent, and entered into

[a] That is the *Euphrates*.

Rachel’s tent. [34]Now Rachel had taken
the teraphim, and put them in the
saddle of the camel, and sat upon
them. And Laban felt about all the
tent, but found them not. [35]And she
said to her father: ‘Let not my lord be
angry that I cannot rise up before thee;
for the manner of women is upon me.’
And he searched, but found not the
teraphim. [36]And Jacob was wroth, and
strove with Laban. And Jacob
answered and said to Laban: ‘What is
my trespass? what is my sin, that thou
hast hotly pursued after me?
[37]Whereas thou hast felt about all my
stuff, what hast thou found of all thy
household stuff? Set it here before my
brethren and thy brethren, that they
may judge betwixt us two. [38]These
twenty years have I been with thee; thy
ewes and thy she-goats have not cast
their young, and the rams of thy flocks
have I not eaten. [39]That which was torn
of beasts I brought not unto thee; I
bore the loss of it; of my hand didst
thou require it, whether stolen by day
or stolen by night. [40]Thus I was: in the
day the drought consumed me, and the
frost by night; and my sleep fled from
mine eyes. [41]These twenty years have I
been in thy house: I served thee
fourteen years for thy two daughters,
and six years for thy flock; and thou
hast changed my wages ten times.
[42]Except the God of my father, the
God of Abraham, and the Fear of
Isaac, had been on my side, surely now
hadst thou sent me away empty. God
hath seen mine affliction and the
labour of my hands, and gave
judgment yesternight.’ [43]And Laban
answered and said unto Jacob: ‘The
daughters are my daughters, and the
children are my children, and the
flocks are my flocks, and all that thou
seest is mine; and what can I do this
day for these my daughters, or for their
children whom they have borne?
[44]And now come, let us make a
covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a
witness between me and thee.’ [45]And
Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a
pillar. [46]And Jacob said unto his
brethren: ‘Gather stones’; and they
took stones, and made a heap. And
they did eat there by the heap. [47]And
Laban called it [a]Jegar-sahadutha; but
Jacob called it [b]Galeed. [48]And Laban
said: ‘This heap is witness between me
and thee this day.’ Therefore was the
name of it called Galeed; [49]and
[c]Mizpah, for he said: ‘The Lord watch
between me and thee, when we are
absent one from another. [50]If thou shalt
afflict my daughters, and if thou shalt
take wives beside my daughters, no
man being with us; see, God is witness
betwixt me and thee.’ [51]And Laban
said to Jacob: ‘Behold this heap, and
behold the pillar, which I have set up
betwixt me and thee. [52]This heap be
witness, and the pillar be witness, that

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[a] That is, *The heap of witness* in Aramaic.

[b] That is, *The heap of witness* in Hebrew.

[c] That is, *The watch-post.*

I will not pass over this heap to thee,
and that thou shalt not pass over this
heap and this pillar unto me, for harm.
53 The God of Abraham, and the God of
Nahor, the God of their father, judge
betwixt us.’ And Jacob swore by the
Fear of his father Isaac. 54 And Jacob
offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and
called his brethren to eat bread; and
they did eat bread, and tarried all night
in the mountain.

32 And early in the morning
Laban rose up, and kissed his
sons and his daughters, and blessed
them. And Laban departed, and
returned unto his place. 2 And Jacob
went on his way, and the angels of
God met him. 3 And Jacob said when
he saw them: ‘This is God’s camp.’
And he called the name of that place
[a]Mahanaim.

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4 And Jacob sent messengers before
him to Esau his brother unto the land
of Seir, the field of Edom. 5 And he
commanded them, saying: ‘Thus shall
ye say unto my lord Esau: Thus saith
thy servant Jacob: I have sojourned
with Laban, and stayed until now.
6 And I have oxen, and asses and
flocks, and men-servants and maid-
servants; and I have sent to tell my
lord, that I may find favour in thy
sight.’ 7 And the messengers returned
to Jacob, saying: ‘We came to thy
brother Esau, and moreover he cometh
to meet thee, and four hundred men
with him.’ 8 Then Jacob was greatly
afraid and was distressed. And he
divided the people that was with him,
and the flocks, and the herds, and the
camels, into two camps. 9 And he said:
‘If Esau come to the one camp, and
smite it, then the camp which is left
shall escape.’ 10 And Jacob said: ‘O
God of my father Abraham, and God
of my father Isaac, O Lord, who saidst
unto me: Return unto thy country, and
to thy kindred, and I will do thee good;
11 I am not worthy of all the mercies,
and of all the truth, which Thou hast
shown unto Thy servant; for with my
staff I passed over this Jordan; and
now I am become two camps.
12 Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the
hand of my brother, from the hand of
Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and
smite me, the mother with the
children. 13 And Thou saidst: I will
surely do thee good, and make thy
seed as the sand of the sea, which
cannot be numbered for multitude.’
14 And he lodged there that night; and
took of that which he had with him a
present for Esau his brother: 15 two
hundred she-goats and twenty he-
goats, two hundred ewes and twenty
rams, 16 thirty milch camels and their
colts, forty kine and ten bulls, twenty
she-asses and ten foals. 17 And he
delivered them into the hand of his
servants, every drove by itself; and
said unto his servants: ‘Pass over
before me, and put a space betwixt
drove and drove.’ 18 And he
commanded the foremost, saying:

[a] That is, *Two Camps*.

'When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying: Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee? [19]then thou shalt say: They are thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord, even unto Esau; and, behold, he also is behind us.' [20]And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying: 'In this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him; [21]and ye shall say: Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us.' For he said: 'I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me.' [22]So the present passed over before him; and he himself lodged that night in the camp.

[23]And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven children, and passed over the ford of the Jabbok. [24]And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. [25]And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. [26]And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he wrestled with him. [27]And he said: 'Let me go, for the day breaketh.' And he said: 'I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.' [28]And he said unto him: 'What is thy name?' And be said: 'Jacob.' [29]And he said: 'Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but [a]Israel; for thou hast striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed.' [30]And Jacob asked him, and said: 'Tell me, I pray thee, thy name.' And he said: 'Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name?' And he blessed him there. [31]And Jacob called the name of the place [b]Peniel: 'for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.' [32]And the sun rose upon him as he passed over [c]Peniel, and he limped upon his thigh. [33]Therefore the children of Israel eat not the sinew of the thigh-vein which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day; because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh, even in the sinew of the thigh-vein.

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. [2]And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost. [3]And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. [4]And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him; and they wept. [5]And he lifted up

[a] That is, *He who striveth with God*.
[b] That is, *The face of God*.
[c] Heb. *Penuel*.

his eyes, and saw the women and the
children; and said: ‘Who are these
with thee?’ And he said: ‘The children
whom God hath graciously given thy
servant.’ 6 Then the handmaids came
near, they and their children, and they
bowed down. 7 And Leah also and her
children came near, and bowed down;
and after came Joseph near and
Rachel, and they bowed down. 8 And
he said: ‘What meanest thou by all this
camp which I met?’ And he said: ‘To
find favour in the sight of my lord.’
9 And Esau said: ‘I have enough; my
brother, let that which thou hast be
thine.’ 10 And Jacob said: ‘Nay, I pray
thee, if now I have found favour in thy
sight, then receive my present at my
hand; forasmuch as I have seen thy
face, as one seeth the face of God, and
thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I
pray thee, my gift that is brought to
thee; because God hath dealt
graciously with me, and because I
have enough.’ And he urged him, and
he took it. 12 And he said: ‘Let us take
our journey, and let us go, and I will
go before thee.’ 13 And he said unto
him: ‘My lord knoweth that the
children are tender, and that the flocks
and herds giving suck are a care to me;
and if they overdrive them one day, all
the flocks will die. 14 Let my lord, I
pray thee, pass over before his servant;
and I will journey on gently, according
to the pace of the cattle that are before
me and according to the pace of the
children, until I come unto my lord
unto Seir.’ 15 And Esau said: ‘Let me
now leave with thee some of the folk
that are with me.’ And he said: ‘What
needeth it? let me find favour in the
sight of my lord.’ 16 So Esau returned
that day on his way unto Seir. 17 And
Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built
him a house, and made booths for his
cattle. Therefore the name of the place
is called [a]Succoth.

18 And Jacob came in peace to the
city of Shechem, which is in the land
of Canaan, when he came from
Paddan-aram; and encamped before
the city. 19 And he bought the parcel of
ground, where he had spread his tent,
at the hand of the children of Hamor,
Shechem’s father, for a hundred pieces
of money. 20 And he erected there an
altar, and called it [b]El-elohe-Israel.

34 And Dinah the daughter of
Leah, whom she had borne
unto Jacob, went out to see the
daughters of the land. 2 And Shechem
the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince
of the land, saw her; and he took her,
and lay with her, and humbled her.
3 And his soul did cleave unto Dinah
the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the
damsel, and spoke comfortingly unto
the damsel. 4 And Shechem spoke unto
his father Hamor, saying: ‘Get me this
damsel to wife.’ 5 Now Jacob heard
that he had defiled Dinah his daughter;
and his sons were with his cattle in the
field; and Jacob held his peace until
they came. 6 And Hamor the father of

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[a] That is, *Booths*.

[b] That is, *God, the God of Israel*.

Shechem went out unto Jacob to speak with him. [7]And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought a vile deed in Israel in lying with Jacob’s daughter; which thing ought not to be done. [8]And Hamor spoke with them, saying ‘The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter. I pray you give her unto him to wife. [9]And make ye marriages with us; give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. [10]And ye shall dwell with us; and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein.’ [11]And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren: ‘Let me find favour in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. [12]Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me; but give me the damsel to wife.’ [13]And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with guile, and spoke, because he had defiled Dinah their sister, [14]and said unto them: ‘We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us. [15]Only on this condition will we consent unto you: if ye will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised; [16]then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. [17]But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.’ [18]And their words pleased Hamor, and Shechem Hamor’s son. [19]And the young man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob’s daughter. And he was honoured above all the house of his father. [20]And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying: [21]’These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for, behold, the land is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. [22]Only on this condition will the men consent unto us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. [23]Shall not their cattle and their substance and all their beasts be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.’ [24]And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city. [25]And it came to pass on the third day, when they were in pain, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city unawares, and slew all the males. [26]And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem’s house, and went forth.

27 The sons of Jacob came upon the
slain, and spoiled the city, because
they had defiled their sister. 28 They
took their flocks and their herds and
their asses, and that which was in the
city and that which was in the field;
29 and all their wealth, and all their little
ones and their wives, took they captive
and spoiled, even all that was in the
house. 30 And Jacob said to Simeon and
Levi: ‘Ye have troubled me, to make
me odious unto the inhabitants of the
land, even unto the Canaanites and the
Perizzites; and, I being few in number,
they will gather themselves together
against me and smite me; and I shall
be destroyed, I and my house.’ 31 And
they said: ‘Should one deal with our
sister as with a harlot?’

35 And God said unto Jacob:
‘Arise, go up to Beth-el, and
dwell there; and make there an altar
unto God, who appeared unto thee
when thou didst flee from the face of
Esau thy brother.’ 2 Then Jacob said
unto his household, and to all that
were with him: ‘Put away the strange
gods that are among you, and purify
yourselves, and change your garments;
3 and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el;
and I will make there an altar unto
God, who answered me in the day of
my distress, and was with me in the
way which I went.’ 4 And they gave
unto Jacob all the foreign gods which
were in their hand, and the rings which
were in their ears; and Jacob hid them
under the terebinth which was by
Shechem. 5 And they journeyed; and a
terror of God was upon the cities that
were round about them, and they did
not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So
Jacob came to Luz, which is in the
land of Canaan—the same is Beth-el—
he and all the people that were with
him. 7 And he built there an altar, and
called the place [a]El-beth-el, because
there God was revealed unto him,
when he fled from the face of his
brother. 8 And Deborah Rebekah’s
nurse died, and she was buried below
Beth-el under the oak; and the name of
it was called [b]Allon-bacuth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob
again, when he came from Paddan-
aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said
unto him: ‘Thy name is Jacob: thy
name shall not be called any more
Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name’;
and He called his name Israel. 11 And
God said unto him: ‘I am God
Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a
nation and a company of nations shall
be of thee, and kings shall come out of
thy loins; 12 and the land which I gave
unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will
give it, and to thy seed after thee will I
give the land.’ 13 And God went up
from him in the place where He spoke
with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in
the place where He spoke with him, a
pillar of stone, and he poured out a
drink-offering thereon, and poured oil
thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name
of the place where God spoke with

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[a] That is, *The God of Beth-el*.
[b] That is, *The oak of weeping*.

him, Beth-el. [16]And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was still some way to come to Ephrath; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labour. [17]And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the mid-wife said unto her: ‘Fear not; for this also is a son for thee.’ [18]And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing—for she died—that she called his name [a]Ben-oni; but his father called him [b]Benjamin. [19]And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath—the same is Beth-lehem. [20]And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave; the same is the pillar of Rachel’s grave unto this day. [21]And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond Migdal-eder. [22]And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father’s concubine; and Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: [23]the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob’s first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; [24]the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin; [25]and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel’s handmaid: Dan and Naphtali; [26]and the sons of Zilpah, Leah’s handmaid: Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Paddan-aram. [27]And Jacob came unto Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kiriatharba—the same is Hebron—where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

[a] That is, *The son of my sorrow*.
[b] That is, *The son of the right hand*.

[28]And the days of Isaac were a hundred and fourscore years. [29]And Isaac expired, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days; and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.

36 Now these are the generations of Esau—the same is Edom. [2]Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, [3]and Basemath Ishmael’s daughter, sister of Nebaioth. [4]And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Basemath bore Reuel; [5]and Oholibamah bore Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. These are the sons of Esau, that were born unto him in the land of Canaan. [6]And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan; and went into a land away from his brother Jacob. [7]For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojournings could not bear them because of their cattle. [8]And Esau dwelt in the mountain-land of Seir—Esau is Edom. [9]And these are the generations of Esau the father of a [c]the Edomites in the mountain-land of Seir. [10]These are the names of Esau’s sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the

[c] Heb. *Edom*.

wife of Esau. [11]And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. [12]And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau’s son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek. These are the sons of Adah Esau’s wife. [13]And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These were the sons of Basemath Esau’s wife. [14]And these were the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau’s wife; and she bore to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. [15]These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the first-born of Esau: the chief of Teman, the chief of Omar, the chief of Zepho, the chief of Kenaz, [16]the chief of Korah, the chief of Gatam, the chief of Amalek. These are the chiefs that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom. These are the sons of Adah. [17]And these are the sons of Reuel Esau’s son: the chief of Nahath, the chief of Zerah, the chief of Shammah, the chief of Mizzah. These are the chiefs that came of Reuel in the land of Edom. These are the sons of Basemath Esau’s wife. [18]And these are the sons of Oholibamah Esau’s wife: the chief of Jeush, the chief of Jalam, the chief of Korah. These are the chiefs that came of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau’s wife. [19]These are the sons of Esau, and these are their chiefs; the same is Edom.

[20]These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah, [21]and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan. These are the chiefs that came of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. [22]And the children of Lotan were Hori and Hemam; and Lotan’s sister was Timna. [23]And these are the children of Shobal: Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, Shepho and Onam. [24]And these are the children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah—this is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. [25]And these are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. [26]And these are the children of [a]Dishon: Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran. [27]These are the children of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaavan and Akan. [28]These are the children of Dishan: Uz and Aran. [29]These are the chiefs that came of the Horites: the chief of Lotan, the chief of Shobal, the chief of Zibeon, the chief of Anah, [30]the chief of Dishon, the chief of Ezer, the chief of Dishan. These are the chiefs that came of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

[31]And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. [32]And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. [33]And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. [34]And

[a] Heb. *Dishan*.

Jobab died, and Husham of the land of
the Temanites reigned in his stead.
35 And Husham died, and Hadad the
son of Bedad, who smote Midian in
the field of Moab, reigned in his stead;
and the name of his city was Avith.
36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of
Masrekah reigned in his stead. 37 And
Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth
by the River reigned in his stead.
38 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the
son of Achbor reigned in his stead.
39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor
died, and Hadar reigned in his stead;
and the name of the city was Pau; and
his wife's name was Mehetabel, the
daughter of Matred, the daughter of
Me-zahab. 40 And these are the names
of the chiefs that came of Esau,
according to their families, after their
places, by their names: the chief of
Timna, the chief of Alvah, the chief of
Jetheth; 41 the chief of Oholibamah, the
chief of Elah, the chief of Pinon; 42 the
chief of Kenaz, the chief of Teman, the
chief of Mibzar; 43 the chief of
Magdiel, the chief of Iram. These are
the chiefs of Edom, according to their
habitations in the land of their
possession. This is Esau the father of
the Edomites.

**וישב**

37 And Jacob dwelt in the land of
his father's sojournings, in the
land of Canaan. 2 These are the
generations of Jacob. Joseph, being
seventeen years old, was feeding the
flock with his brethren, being still a
lad even with the sons of Bilhah, and
with the sons of Zilpah, his father's
wives; and Joseph brought evil report
of them unto their father. 3 Now Israel
loved Joseph more than all his
children, because he was the son of his
old age; and he made him a coat of
many colours. 4 And when his brethren
saw that their father loved him more
than all his brethren, they hated him,
and could not speak peaceably unto
him. 5 And Joseph dreamed a dream,
and he told it to his brethren; and they
hated him yet the more. 6 And he said
unto them: 'Hear, I pray you, this
dream which I have dreamed: 7 for,
behold, we were binding sheaves in
the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and
also stood upright; and, behold, your
sheaves came round about, and bowed
down to my sheaf.' 8 And his brethren
said to him: 'Shalt thou indeed reign
over us? or shalt thou indeed have
dominion over us?' And they hated
him yet the more for his dreams, and
for his words. 9 And he dreamed yet
another dream, and told it to his
brethren, and said: 'Behold, I have
dreamed yet a dream: and, behold, the
sun and the moon and eleven stars
bowed down to me.' 10 And he told it to
his father, and to his brethren; and his
father rebuked him, and said unto him:
'What is this dream that thou hast
dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and
thy brethren indeed come to bow down
to thee to the earth?' 11 And his
brethren envied him; but his father
kept the saying in mind.

12 And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph: 'Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them.' And he said to him: 'Here am I.' 14 And he said to him: 'Go now, see whether it is well with thy brethren, and well with the flock; and bring me back word.' So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying: 'What seekest thou?' 16 And he said: 'I seek my brethren. Tell me, I pray thee, where they are feeding the flock.' 17 And the man said: 'They are departed hence; for I heard them say: Let us go to Dothan.' And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan. 18 And they saw him afar off, and before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another: 'Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say: An evil beast hath devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' 21 And Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand; and said: 'Let us not take his life.' 22 And Reuben said unto them: 'Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him'—that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colours that was on him; 24 and they took him, and cast him into the pit—and the pit was empty, there was no water in it. 25 And they sat down to eat bread; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a caravan of Ishmaelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery and balm and ladanum, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26 And Judah said unto his brethren: 'What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh.' And his brethren hearkened unto him. 28 And there passed by Midianites, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt. 29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said: 'The child is not; and as for me, whither shall I go?' 31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the blood; 32 and they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said: 'This have we found. Know now whether it is thy son's coat or not.' 33 And he knew it, and said: 'It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces.' 34 And

Jacob rent his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. [35]And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said: ‘Nay, but I will go down to the grave to my son mourning.’ And his father wept for him. [36]And the [a]Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh’s, the captain of the guard.

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name was Hirah. [2]And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took her, and went in unto her. [3]And she conceived, and bore a son; and he called his name Er. [4]And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan. [5]And she yet again bore a son, and called his name Shelah; and he was at Chezib, when she bore him. [6]And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, and her name was Tamar. [7]And Er, Judah’s first-born, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord slew him. [8]And Judah said unto Onan: ‘Go in unto thy brother’s wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother unto her, and raise up seed to thy brother.’ [9]And Onan knew that the seed would not be his; and it came to pass when he went in unto his brother’s wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. [10]And the thing which he did was evil in the sight of the Lord; and He slew him also. [11]Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law: ‘Remain a widow in thy father’s house, till Shelah my son be grown up’; for he said: ‘Lest he also die, like his brethren.’ And Tamar went and dwelt in her father’s house. [12]And in process of time Shua’s daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. [13]And it was told Tamar, saying: ‘Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnah to shear his sheep.’ [14]And she put off from her the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the entrance of Enaim, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she was not given unto him to wife. [15]When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; for she had covered her face. [16]And he turned unto her by the way, and said: ‘Come, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee’; for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said: ‘What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?’ [17]And he said: ‘I will send thee a kid of the goats from the flock.’ And she said: ‘Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it?’ [18]And he said: ‘What pledge shall I give thee?’ And she said: ‘Thy signet and thy cord, and thy staff that

[a] Heb. *Medanites*.

is in thy hand.' And he gave them to
her, and came in unto her, and she
conceived by him. 19 And she arose,
and went away, and put off her veil
from her, and put on the garments of
her widowhood. 20 And Judah sent the
kid of the goats by the hand of his
friend the Adullamite, to receive the
pledge from the woman's hand; but he
found her not. 21 Then he asked the
men of her place, saying: 'Where is
the harlot, that was at Enaim by the
wayside?' And they said: 'There hath
been no harlot here.' 22 And he returned
to Judah, and said: 'I have not found
her; and also the men of the place said:
There hath been no harlot here.' 23 And
Judah said: 'Let her take it, lest we be
put to shame; behold, I sent this kid,
and thou hast not found her.' 24 And it
came to pass about three months after,
that it was told Judah, saying: 'Tamar
thy daughter-in-law hath played the
harlot; and moreover, behold, she is
with child by harlotry.' And Judah
said: 'Bring her forth, and let her be
burnt.' 25 When she was brought forth,
she sent to her father-in-law, saying:
'By the man, whose these are, am I
with child'; and she said: 'Discern, I
pray thee, whose are these, the signet,
and the cords, and the staff.' 26 And
Judah acknowledged them, and said:
'She is more righteous than I;
forasmuch as I gave her not to Shelah
my son.' And he knew her again no
more. 27 And it came to pass in the time
of her travail, that, behold, twins were
in her womb. 28 And it came to pass,
when she travailed, that one put out a
hand; and the midwife took and bound
upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying:
'This came out first.' 29 And it came to
pass, as he drew back his hand, that,
behold his brother came out; and she
said: 'Wherefore hast thou made a
breach for thyself?' Therefore his
name was called [a]Perez. 30 And
afterward came out his brother, that
had the scarlet thread upon his hand;
and his name was called Zerah.

39 And Joseph was brought down
to Egypt; and Potiphar, an
officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the
guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the
hand of the Ishmaelites, that had
brought him down thither. 2 And the
Lord was with Joseph, and he was a
prosperous man; and he was in the
house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And
his master saw that the Lord was with
him, and that the Lord made all that he
did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph
found favour in his sight, and he
ministered unto him. And he appointed
him overseer over his house, and all
that he had he put into his hand. 5 And
it came to pass from the time that he
appointed him overseer in his house,
and over all that he had, that the Lord
blessed the Egyptian's house for
Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the
Lord was upon all that he had, in the
house and in the field. 6 And he left all
that he had in Joseph's hand; and,
having him, he knew not aught save

[a] That is, A breach.

the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was of beautiful form, and fair to look upon.

[7]And it came to pass after these things, that his master’s wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said: ‘Lie with me.’ [8]But he refused, and said unto his master’s wife: ‘Behold, my master, having me, knoweth not what is in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand; [9]he is not greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?’ [10]And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. [11]And it came to pass on a certain day, when he went into the house to do his work, and there was none of the men of the house there within, [12]that she caught him by his garment, saying: ‘Lie with me.’ And he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. [13]And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, [14]that she called unto the men of her house, and spoke unto them, saying: ‘See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. [15]And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got him out.’ [16]And she laid up his garment by her, until his master came home. [17]And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying: ‘The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me. [18]And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled out.’ [19]And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke unto him, saying: ‘After this manner did thy servant to me’; that his wrath was kindled. [20]And Joseph’s master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were bound; and he was there in the prison. [21]But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed kindness unto him, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison. [22]And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. [23]The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand, because the Lord was with him; and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.

40 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. [2]And Pharaoh was wroth against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. [3]And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. [4]And the captain of the guard charged Joseph to be with them,

and he ministered unto them; and they
continued a season in ward. [5]And they
dreamed a dream both of them, each
man his dream, in one night, each man
according to the interpretation of his
dream, the butler and the baker of the
king of Egypt, who were bound in the
prison. [6]And Joseph came in unto them
in the morning, and saw them, and,
behold, they were sad. [7]And he asked
Pharaoh's officers that were with him
in the ward of his master's house,
saying: 'Wherefore look ye so sad to-
day?' [8]And they said unto him: 'We
have dreamed a dream, and there is
none that can interpret it.' And Joseph
said unto them: 'Do not interpretations
belong to God? tell it me, I pray you.'
[9]And the chief butler told his dream to
Joseph, and said to him: 'In my dream,
behold, a vine was before me; [10]and in
the vine were three branches; and as it
was budding, its blossoms shot forth,
and the clusters thereof brought forth
ripe grapes, [11]and Pharaoh's cup was
in my hand; and I took the grapes, and
pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I
gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.'
[12]And Joseph said unto him: 'This is
the interpretation of it: the three
branches are three days; [13]within yet
three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy
head, and restore thee unto thine
office; and thou shalt give Pharaoh's
cup into his hand, after the former
manner when thou wast his butler.
[14]But have me in thy remembrance
when it shall be well with thee, and
show kindness, I pray thee, unto me,
and make mention of me unto
Pharaoh, and bring me out of this
house. [15]For indeed I was stolen away
out of the land of the Hebrews; and
here also have I done nothing that they
should put me into the dungeon.'
[16]When the chief baker saw that the
interpretation was good, he said unto
Joseph: 'I also saw in my dream, and,
behold, three baskets of white bread
were on my head; [17]and in the
uppermost basket there was of all
manner of baked food for Pharaoh;
and the birds did eat them out of the
basket upon my head.' [18]And Joseph
answered and said: 'This is the
interpretation thereof: the three baskets
are three days; [19]within yet three days
shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off
thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and
the birds shall eat thy flesh from off
thee.' [20]And it came to pass the third
day, which was Pharaoh's birthday,
that he made a feast unto all his
servants; and he lifted up the head of
the chief butler and the head of the
chief baker among his servants. [21]And
he restored the chief butler back unto
his butlership; and he gave the cup into
Pharaoh's hand. [22]But he hanged the
chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted
to them. [23]Yet did not the chief butler
remember Joseph, but forgot him.

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**41** And it came to pass at the end
of two full years, that Pharaoh

dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the [a]river. 2And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, well-favoured and fat-fleshed; and they fed in the reed-grass. 3And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and lean-fleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. 4And the ill-favoured and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. 5And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. 6And, behold, seven ears, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. 7And the thin ears swallowed up the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. 8And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof; and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh. 9Then spoke the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying: ‘I make mention of my faults this day: 10Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in the ward of the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker. 11And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. 12And there was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. 13And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was: I was restored unto mine office, and he was hanged.’ 14Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon. And he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. 15And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: ‘I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it; and I have heard say of thee, that when thou hearest a dream thou canst interpret it.’ 16And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying: ‘It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.’ 17And Pharaoh spoke unto Joseph: ‘In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river. 18And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favoured; and they fed in the reedgrass. 19And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favoured and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness. 20And the lean and ill-favoured kine did eat up the first seven fat kine. 21And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill-favoured as at the beginning. So I awoke. 22And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon one stalk, full and good. 23And, behold, seven ears, withered,

[a] That is, the Nile.

thin, and blasted with the east wind,
sprung up after them. 24 And the thin
ears swallowed up the seven good
ears. And I told it unto the magicians;
but there was none that could declare it
to me.’ 25 And Joseph said unto
Pharaoh: ‘The dream of Pharaoh is
one; what God is about to do He hath
declared unto Pharaoh. 26 The seven
good kine are seven years; and the
seven good ears are seven years: the
dream is one. 27 And the seven lean and
ill-favoured kine that came up after
them are seven years, and also the
seven empty ears blasted with the east
wind; they shall be seven years of
famine. 28 That is the thing which I
spoke unto Pharaoh: what God is
about to do He hath shown unto
Pharaoh. 29 Behold, there come seven
years of great plenty throughout all the
land of Egypt. 30 And there shall arise
after them seven years of famine; and
all the plenty shall be forgotten in the
land of Egypt; and the famine shall
consume the land; 31 and the plenty
shall not be known in the land by
reason of that famine which followeth;
for it shall be very grievous. 32 And for
that the dream was doubled unto
Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing
is established by God, and God will
shortly bring it to pass. 33 Now
therefore let Pharaoh look out a man
discreet and wise, and set him over the
land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do this,
and let him appoint overseers over the
land, and take up the fifth part of the
land of Egypt in the seven years of
plenty. 35 And let them gather all the
food of these good years that come,
and lay up corn under the hand of
Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let
them keep it. 36 And the food shall be
for a store to the land against the seven
years of famine, which shall be in the
land of Egypt; that the land perish not
through the famine.’ 37 And the thing
was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and
in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And
Pharaoh said unto his servants: ‘Can
we find such a one as this, a man in
whom the spirit of God is?’ 39 And
Pharaoh said unto Joseph: ‘Forasmuch
as God hath shown thee all this, there
is none so discreet and wise as thou.
40 Thou shalt be over my house, and
according unto thy word shall all my
people be ruled; only in the throne will
I be greater than thou.’ 41 And Pharaoh
said unto Joseph: ‘See, I have set thee
over all the land of Egypt.’ 42 And
Pharaoh took off his signet ring from
his hand, and put it upon Joseph’s
hand, and arrayed him in vestures of
fine linen, and put a gold chain about
his neck. 43 And he made him to ride in
the second chariot which he had; and
they cried before him: ‘Abrech’; and
he set him over all the land of Egypt.
44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: ‘I am
Pharaoh, and without thee shall no
man lift up his hand or his foot in all
the land of Egypt.’ 45 And Pharaoh
called Joseph’s name Zaphenath-
paneah; and he gave him to wife
Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera
priest of On. And Joseph went out

over the land of Egypt.— [46]And Joseph
was thirty years old when he stood
before Pharaoh king of Egypt.—And
Joseph went out from the presence of
Pharaoh, and went throughout all the
land of Egypt. [47]And in the seven years
of plenty the earth brought forth in
heaps. [48]And he gathered up all the
food of the seven years which were in
the land of Egypt, and laid up the food
in the cities; the food of the field,
which was round about every city, laid
he up in the same. [49]And Joseph laid
up corn as the sand of the sea, very
much, until they left off numbering;
for it was without number. [50]And unto
Joseph were born two sons before the
year of famine came, whom Asenath
the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On
bore unto him. [51]And Joseph called the
name of the first-born [a]Manasseh: ‘for
God hath made me forget all my toil,
and all my father’s house.’ [52]And the
name of the second called he
[b]Ephraim: ‘for God hath made me
fruitful in the land of my affliction.’
[53]And the seven years of plenty, that
was in the land of Egypt, came to an
end. [54]And the seven years of famine
began to come, according as Joseph
had said; and there was famine in all
lands; but in all the land of Egypt there
was bread. [55]And when all the land of
Egypt was famished, the people cried
to Pharaoh for bread; and Pharaoh said
unto all the Egyptians: ‘Go unto
Joseph; what he saith to you, do.’
[56]And the famine was over all the face
of the earth; and Joseph opened all the
storehouses, and sold unto the
Egyptians; and the famine was sore in
the land of Egypt. [57]And all countries
came into Egypt to Joseph to buy corn;
because the famine was sore in all the
earth.

42 Now Jacob saw that there was
corn in Egypt, and Jacob said
unto his sons: ‘Why do ye look one
upon another?’ [2]And he said: ‘Behold,
I have heard that there is corn in
Egypt. Get you down thither, and buy
for us from thence; that we may live,
and not die.’ [3]And Joseph’s ten
brethren went down to buy corn from
Egypt. [4]But Benjamin, Joseph’s
brother, Jacob sent not with his
brethren; for he said: ‘Lest
peradventure harm befall him.’ [5]And
the sons of Israel came to buy among
those that came; for the famine was in
the land of Canaan. [6]And Joseph was
the governor over the land; he it was
that sold to all the people of the land.
And Joseph’s brethren came, and
bowed down to him with their faces to
the earth. [7]And Joseph saw his
brethren, and he knew them, but made
himself strange unto them, and spoke
roughly with them; and he said unto
them: ‘Whence come ye?’ And they
said: ‘From the land of Canaan to buy
food.’ [8]And Joseph knew his brethren,
but they knew him not. [9]And Joseph
remembered the dreams which he

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[a] That is, *Making to forget*.

[b] From a Hebrew word signifying *to be fruitful*,

dreamed of them, and said unto them:
‘Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of
the land ye are come.’ [10]And they said
unto him: ‘Nay, my lord, but to buy
food are thy servants come. [11]We are
all one man’s sons; we are upright
men, thy servants are no spies.’ [12]And
he said unto them: ‘Nay, but to see the
nakedness of the land ye are come.’
[13]And they said: ‘We thy servants are
twelve brethren, the sons of one man
in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the
youngest is this day with our father,
and one is not.’ [14]And Joseph said unto
them: ‘That is it that I spoke unto you,
saying: Ye are spies. [15]Hereby ye shall
be proved, as Pharaoh liveth, ye shall
not go forth hence, except your
youngest brother come hither. [16]Send
one of you, and let him fetch your
brother, and ye shall be bound, that
your words may be proved, whether
there be truth in you; or else, as
Pharaoh liveth, surely ye are spies.’
[17]And he put them all together into
ward three days. [18]And Joseph said
unto them the third day.’ This do, and
live; for I fear God: [19]if ye be upright
men, let one of your brethren be bound
in your prison-house; but go ye, carry
corn for the famine of your houses;
[20]and bring your youngest brother unto
me; so shall your words be verified,
and ye shall not die.’ And they did so.
[21]And they said one to another: ‘We
are verily guilty concerning our
brother, in that we saw the distress of
his soul, when he besought us, and we
would not hear; therefore is this
distress come upon us.’ [22]And Reuben
answered them, saying: ‘Spoke I not
unto you, saying: Do not sin against
the child; and ye would not hear?
therefore also, behold, his blood is
required.’ [23]And they knew not that
Joseph understood them; for the
interpreter was between them. [24]And
he turned himself about from them,
and wept; and he returned to them, and
spoke to them, and took Simeon from
among them, and bound him before
their eyes. [25]Then Joseph commanded
to fill their vessels with corn, and to
restore every man’s money into his
sack, and to give them provision for
the way; and thus was it done unto
them. [26]And they laded their asses with
their corn, and departed thence. [27]And
as one of them opened his sack to give
his ass provender in the lodging-place,
he espied his money; and, behold, it
was in the mouth of his sack. [28]And he
said unto his brethren: ‘My money is
restored; and, lo, it is even in my
sack.’ And their heart failed them, and
they turned trembling one to another,
saying: ‘What is this that God hath
done unto us?’ [29]And they came unto
Jacob their father unto the land of
Canaan, and told him all that had
befallen them, saying: [30]’The man, the
lord of the land, spoke roughly with
us, and took us for spies of the
country. [31]And we said unto him: We
are upright men; we are no spies. [32]We
are twelve brethren, sons of our father;
one is not, and the youngest is this day
with our father in the land of Canaan.

33 And the man, the lord of the land,
said unto us: Hereby shall I know that
ye are upright men: leave one of your
brethren with me, and take corn for the
famine of your houses, and go your
way. 34 And bring your youngest
brother unto me; then shall I know that
ye are no spies, but that ye are upright
men; so will I deliver you your
brother, and ye shall traffic in the
land.’ 35 And it came to pass as they
emptied their sacks, that, behold, every
man’s bundle of money was in his
sack; and when they and their father
saw their bundles of money, they were
afraid. 36 And Jacob their father said
unto them: ‘Me have ye bereaved of
my children: Joseph is not, and
Simeon is not, and ye will take
Benjamin away; upon me are all these
things come.’ 37 And Reuben spoke
unto his father, saying: ‘Thou shalt
slay my two sons, if I bring him not to
thee; deliver him into my hand, and I
will bring him back to thee.’ 38 And he
said: ‘My son shall not go down with
you; for his brother is dead, and he
only is left; if harm befall him by the
way in which ye go, then will ye bring
down my gray hairs with sorrow to the
grave.

43 And the famine was sore in the
land. 2 And it came to pass,
when they had eaten up the corn which
they had brought out of Egypt, that
their father said unto them: ‘Go again,
buy us a little food.’ 3 And Judah spoke
unto him, saying: ‘The man did
earnestly forewarn us, saying: Ye shall
not see my face, except your brother
be with you. 4 If thou wilt send our
brother with us, we will go down and
buy thee food; 5 but if thou wilt not
send him, we will not go down, for the
man said unto us: Ye shall not see my
face, except your brother be with you.’
6 And Israel said: ‘Wherefore dealt ye
so ill with me, as to tell the man
whether ye had yet a brother?’ 7 And
they said: ‘The man asked straitly
concerning ourselves, and concerning
our kindred, saying: Is your father yet
alive? have ye another brother? and we
told him according to the tenor of
these words; could we in any wise
know that he would say: Bring your
brother down?’ 8 And Judah said unto
Israel his father: ‘Send the lad with
me, and we will arise and go, that we
may live, and not die, both we, and
thou, and also our little ones. 9 I will be
surety for him; of my hand shalt thou
require him; if I bring him not unto
thee, and set him before thee, then let
me bear the blame for ever. 10 For
except we had lingered, surely we had
now returned a second time.’ 11 And
their father Israel said unto them: ‘If it
be so now, do this: take of the choice
fruits of the land in your vessels, and
carry down the man a present, a little
balm, and a little honey, spicery and
ladanum, nuts, and almonds; 12 and
take double money in your hand; and
the money that was returned in the
mouth of your sacks carry back in your
hand; peradventure it was an
oversight; 13 take also your brother, and

arise, go again unto the man; [14]and
God Almighty give you mercy before
the man, that he may release unto you
your other brother and Benjamin. And
as for me, if I be bereaved of my
children, I am bereaved.'

[15]And the men took that present, and
they took double money in their hand,
and Benjamin; and rose up, and went
down to Egypt, and stood before
Joseph. [16]And when Joseph saw
Benjamin with them, he said to the
steward of his house: 'Bring the men
into the house, and kill the beasts, and
prepare the meat; for the men shall
dine with me at noon.' [17]And the man
did as Joseph bade; and the man
brought the men into Joseph's house.
[18]And the men were afraid, because
they were brought into Joseph's house;
and they said: 'Because of the money
that was returned in our sacks at the
first time are we brought in; that he
may seek occasion against us, and fall
upon us, and take us for bondmen, and
our asses.' [19]And they came near to the
steward of Joseph's house, and they
spoke unto him at the door of the
house, [20]and said: 'Oh my lord, we
came indeed down at the first time to
buy food. [21]And it came to pass, when
we came to the lodging-place, that we
opened our sacks, and, behold, every
man's money was in the mouth of his
sack, our money in full weight; and we
have brought it back in our hand.
[22]And other money have we brought
down in our hand to buy food. We
know not who put our money in our
sacks.' [23]And he said: 'Peace be to
you, fear not; your God, and the God
of your father, hath given you treasure
in your sacks; I had your money.' And
he brought Simeon out unto them.
[24]And the man brought the men into
Joseph's house, and gave them water,
and they washed their feet; and he
gave their asses provender. [25]And they
made ready the present against
Joseph's coming at noon; for they
heard that they should eat bread there.
[26]And when Joseph came home, they
brought him the present which was in
their hand into the house, and bowed
down to him to the earth. [27]And he
asked them of their welfare, and said:
'Is your father well, the old man of
whom ye spoke? Is he yet alive?'
[28]And they said: 'Thy servant our
father is well, he is yet alive.' And
they bowed the head, and made
obeisance. [29]And he lifted up his eyes,
and saw Benjamin his brother, his
mother's son, and said: 'Is this your
youngest brother of whom ye spoke
unto me?' And he said: 'God be
gracious unto thee, my son.' [30]And
Joseph made haste; for his heart
yearned toward his brother; and he
sought where to weep; and he entered
into his chamber, and wept there.
[31]And he washed his face, and came
out; and he refrained himself, and said:
'Set on bread.' [32]And they set on for
him by himself, and for them by
themselves, and for the Egyptians, that
did eat with him, by themselves;
because the Egyptians might not eat

bread with the Hebrews; for that is an
abomination unto the Egyptians. [33]And
they sat before him, the firstborn
according to his birthright, and the
youngest according to his youth; and
the men marvelled one with another.
[34]And portions were taken unto them
from before him; but Benjamin's
portion was five times so much as any
of theirs. And they drank, and were
merry with him.

44 And he commanded the
steward of his house, saying:
'Fill the men's sacks with food, as
much as they can carry, and put every
man's money in his sack's mouth.
[2]And put my goblet, the silver goblet,
in the sack's mouth of the youngest,
and his corn money.' And he did
according to the word that Joseph had
spoken. [3]As soon as the morning was
light, the men were sent away, they
and their asses. [4]And when they were
gone out of the city, and were not yet
far off, Joseph said unto his steward:
'Up, follow after the men; and when
thou dost overtake them, say unto
them: Wherefore have ye rewarded
evil for good? [5]Is not this it in which
my lord drinketh, and whereby he
indeed divineth? ye have done evil in
so doing.' [6]And he overtook them, and
he spoke unto them these words. [7]And
they said unto him: 'Wherefore
speaketh my lord such words as these?
Far be it from thy servants that they
should do such a thing. [8]Behold, the
money, which we found in our
sacks'mouths, we brought back unto
thee out of the land of Canaan; how
then should we steal out of thy lord's
house silver or gold? [9]With
whomsoever of thy servants it be
found, let him die, and we also will be
my lord's bondmen.' [10]And he said:
'Now also let it be according unto your
words: he with whom it is found shall
be my bondman; and ye shall be
blameless.' [11]Then they hastened, and
took down every man his sack to the
ground, and opened every man his
sack. [12]And he searched, beginning at
the eldest, and leaving off at the
youngest; and the goblet was found in
Benjamin's sack. [13]And they rent their
clothes, and laded every man his ass,
and returned to the city. [14]And Judah
and his brethren came to Joseph's
house, and he was yet there; and they
fell before him on the ground. [15]And
Joseph said unto them: 'What deed is
this that ye have done? know ye not
that such a man as I will indeed
divine?' [16]And Judah said: 'What shall
we say unto my lord? what shall we
speak? or how shall we clear
ourselves? God hath found out the
iniquity of thy servants; behold, we are
my lord's bondmen, both we, and he
also in whose hand the cup is found.'
[17]And he said: 'Far be it from me that I
should do so; the man in whose hand
the goblet is found, he shall be my
bondman; but as for you, get you up in
peace unto your father.'

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[18]Then Judah came near unto him, and said: ‘Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord’s ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant; for thou art even as Pharaoh. [19]My lord asked his servants, saying: Have ye a father, or a brother? [20]And we said unto my lord: We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. [21]And thou saidst unto thy servants: Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. [22]And we said unto my lord: The lad cannot leave his father; for if he should leave his father, his father would die. [23]And thou saidst unto thy servants: Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. [24]And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. [25]And our father said: Go again, buy us a little food. [26]And we said: We cannot go down; if our youngest brother be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the man’s face, except our youngest brother be with us. [27]And thy servant my father said unto us: Ye know that my wife bore me two sons; [28]and the one went out from me, and I said: Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since; [29]and if ye take this one also from me, and harm befall him, ye will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. [30]Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad is not with us; seeing that his soul is bound up with the lad’s soul; [31]it will come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die; and thy servants will bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. [32]For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying: If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I bear the blame to my father for ever. [33]Now therefore, let thy servant, I pray thee, abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. [34]For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad be not with me? lest I look upon the evil that shall come on my father.’

45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried: ‘Cause every man to go out from me.’ And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. [2]And he wept aloud; and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. [3]And Joseph said unto his brethren: ‘I am Joseph; doth my father yet live?’ And his brethren could not answer him; for they were affrighted at his presence. [4]And Joseph said unto his brethren: ‘Come near to me, I pray you.’ And they came near. And he said: ‘I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. [5]And now be not grieved, nor angry

with yourselves, that ye sold me
hither; for God did send me before you
to preserve life. 6For these two years
hath the famine been in the land; and
there are yet five years, in which there
shall be neither plowing nor harvest.
7And God sent me before you to give
you a remnant on the earth, and to save
you alive for a great deliverance. 8So
now it was not you that sent me hither,
but God; and He hath made me a
father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his
house, and ruler over all the land of
Egypt. 9Hasten ye, and go up to my
father, and say unto him: Thus saith
thy son Joseph: God hath made me
lord of all Egypt; come down unto me,
tarry not. 10And thou shalt dwell in the
land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near
unto me, thou, and thy children, and
thy children's children, and thy flocks,
and thy herds, and all that thou hast;
11and there will I sustain thee; for there
are yet five years of famine; lest thou
come to poverty, thou, and thy
household, and all that thou hast.
12And, behold, your eyes see, and the
eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is
my mouth that speaketh unto you.
13And ye shall tell my father of all my
glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have
seen; and ye shall hasten and bring
down my father hither.' 14And he fell
upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and
wept; and Benjamin wept upon his
neck. 15And he kissed all his brethren,
and wept upon them; and after that his
brethren talked with him.

16And the report thereof was heard
in Pharaoh's house, saying: 'Joseph's
brethren are come'; and it pleased
Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17And
Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'Say unto
thy brethren: This do ye: lade your
beasts, and go, get you unto the land of
Canaan; 18and take your father and
your households, and come unto me;
and I will give you the good of the
land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat
of the land. 19Now thou art
commanded, this do ye: take you
wagons out of the land of Egypt for
your little ones, and for your wives,
and bring your father, and come.
20Also regard not your stuff; for the
good things of all the land of Egypt are
yours.' 21And the sons of Israel did so;
and Joseph gave them wagons,
according to the commandment of
Pharaoh, and gave them provision for
the way. 22To all of them he gave each
man changes of raiment; but to
Benjamin he gave three hundred
shekels of silver, and five changes of
raiment. 23And to his father he sent in
like manner ten asses laden with the
good things of Egypt, and ten she-
asses laden with corn and bread and
victual for his father by the way. 24So
he sent his brethren away, and they
departed; and he said unto them: 'See
that ye fall not out by the way.' 25And
they went up out of Egypt, and came
into the land of Canaan unto Jacob
their father. 26And they told him,
saying: 'Joseph is yet alive, and he is
ruler over all the land of Egypt.' And

his heart fainted, for he believed them not. [27]And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them; and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. [28]And Israel said: ‘It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die.’

**46** And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. [2]And God spoke unto Israel in the visions of the night, and said: ‘Jacob, Jacob.’ And he said: ‘Here am I.’ [3]And He said: ‘I am God, the God of thy father; fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation. [4]I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again; and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.’ [5]And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba; and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. [6]And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him; [7]his sons, and his sons’sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

[8]And these are the names of the children of Israel, who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob’s first-born. [9]And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. [10]And the sons of Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. [11]And the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. [12]And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Perez were Hezron and Hamul. [13]And the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puvah, and Iob, and Shimron. [14]And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. [15]These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah; all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. [16]And the sons of Gad: Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. [17]And the sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister; and the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel. [18]These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bore unto Jacob, even sixteen souls. [19]The sons of Rachel Jacob’s wife: Joseph and Benjamin. [20]And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, whom Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On bore unto him. [21]And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Huppim, and Ard. [22]These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob; all the souls

were fourteen. [23]And the sons of Dan: Hushim. [24]And the sons of Naphtali: Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. [25]These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and these she bore unto Jacob; all the souls were seven. [26]All the souls belonging to Jacob that came into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides Jacob’s sons’wives, all the souls were threescore and six. [27]And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

[28]And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to show the way before him unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. [29]And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he presented himself unto him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. [30]And Israel said unto Joseph: ‘Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou art yet alive.’ [31]And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father’s house: ‘I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and will say unto him: My brethren, and my father’s house, who were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; [32]and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. [33]And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say: What is your occupation? [34]that ye shall say: Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and our fathers; that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.’

47 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said: ‘My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.’ [2]And from among his brethren he took five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. [3]And Pharaoh said unto his brethren: ‘What is your occupation?’ And they said unto Pharaoh: ‘Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and our fathers.’ [4]And they said unto Pharaoh: ‘To sojourn in the land are we come; for there is no pasture for thy servants’flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.’ [5]And Pharaoh spoke unto Joseph, saying: ‘Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee; [6]the land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and thy brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell. And if thou knowest any able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.’ [7]And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh. [8]And Pharaoh said unto Jacob: ‘How many are the days of the years of thy life?’ [9]And Jacob said unto Pharaoh: ‘The

days of the years of my sojournings
are a hundred and thirty years; few and
evil have been the days of the years of
my life, and they have not attained
unto the days of the years of the life of
my fathers in the days of their
sojournings.’ [10]And Jacob blessed
Pharaoh, and went out from the
presence of Pharaoh. [11]And Joseph
placed his father and his brethren, and
gave them a possession in the land of
Egypt, in the best of the land, in the
land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had
commanded. [12]And Joseph sustained
his father, and his brethren, and all his
father’s household, with bread,
according to the want of their little
ones.

[13]And there was no bread in all the
land; for the famine was very sore, so
that the land of Egypt and the land of
Canaan languished by reason of the
famine. [14]And Joseph gathered up all
the money that was found in the land
of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan,
for the corn which they bought; and
Joseph brought the money into
Pharaoh’s house. [15]And when the
money was all spent in the land of
Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all
the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and
said: ‘Give us bread; for why should
we die in thy presence? for our money
faileth.’ [16]And Joseph said: ‘Give your
cattle, and I will give you [bread] for
your cattle, if money fail.’ [17]And they
brought their cattle unto Joseph. And
Joseph gave them bread in exchange
for the horses, and for the flocks, and
for the herds, and for the asses; and he
fed them with bread in exchange for
all their cattle for that year. [18]And
when that year was ended, they came
unto him the second year, and said
unto him: ‘We will not hide from my
lord, how that our money is all spent;
and the herds of cattle are my lord’s;
there is nought left in the sight of my
lord, but our bodies, and our lands.
[19]Wherefore should we die before
thine eyes, both we and our land? buy
us and our land for bread, and we and
our land will be bondmen unto
Pharaoh; and give us seed, that we
may live, and not die, and that the land
be not desolate.’ [20]So Joseph bought
all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for
the Egyptians sold every man his field,
because the famine was sore upon
them; and the land became Pharaoh’s.
[21]And as for the people, he removed
them city by city, from one end of the
border of Egypt even to the other end
thereof. [22]Only the land of the priests
bought he not, for the priests had a
portion from Pharaoh, and did eat their
portion which Pharaoh gave them;
wherefore they sold not their land.
[23]Then Joseph said unto the people:
‘Behold, I have bought you this day
and your land for Pharaoh. Lo, here is
seed for you, and ye shall sow the
land. [24]And it shall come to pass at the
ingatherings, that ye shall give a fifth
unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be
your own, for seed of the field, and for
your food, and for them of your
households, and for food for your little

ones.' 25 And they said: 'Thou hast
saved our lives. Let us find favour in
the sight of my lord, and we will be
Pharaoh's bondmen.' 26 And Joseph
made it a statute concerning the land
of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh
should have the fifth; only the land of
the priests alone became not
Pharaoh's. 27 And Israel dwelt in the
land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen;
and they got them possessions therein,
and were fruitful, and multiplied
exceedingly.

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28 And Jacob lived in the land of
Egypt seventeen years; so the days of
Jacob, the years of his life, were a
hundred forty and seven years. 29 And
the time drew near that Israel must die;
and he called his son Joseph, and said
unto him: 'If now I have found favour
in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand
under my thigh, and deal kindly and
truly with me; bury me not, I pray
thee, in Egypt. 30 But when I sleep with
my fathers, thou shalt carry me out of
Egypt, and bury me in their burying-
place.' And he said: 'I will do as thou
hast said.' 31 And he said: 'Swear unto
me.' And he swore unto him. And
Israel bowed down upon the bed's
head.

48 And it came to pass after these
things, that one said to Joseph:
'Behold, thy father is sick.' And he
took with him his two sons, Manasseh
and Ephraim. 2 And one told Jacob, and
said: 'Behold, thy son Joseph cometh
unto thee.' And Israel strengthened
himself, and sat upon the bed. 3 And
Jacob said unto Joseph: 'God
Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in
the land of Canaan, and blessed me,
4 and said unto me: Behold, I will make
thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I
will make of thee a company of
peoples; and will give this land to thy
seed after thee for an everlasting
possession. 5 And now thy two sons,
who were born unto thee in the land of
Egypt before I came unto thee into
Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and
Manasseh, even as Reuben and
Simeon, shall be mine. 6 And thy issue,
that thou begettest after them, shall be
thine; they shall be called after the
name of their brethren in their
inheritance. 7 And as for me, when I
came from Paddan, Rachel died unto
me in the land of Canaan in the way,
when there was still some way to come
unto Ephrath; and I buried her there in
the way to Ephrath—the same is Beth-
lehem.' 8 And Israel beheld Joseph's
sons, and said: 'Who are these?' 9 And
Joseph said unto his father: 'They are
my sons, whom God hath given me
here.' And he said: 'Bring them, I pray
thee, unto me, and I will bless them.'
10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for
age, so that he could not see. And he
brought them near unto him; and he
kissed them, and embraced them.
11 And Israel said unto Joseph: 'I had
not thought to see thy face; and, lo,
God hath let me see thy seed also.'
12 And Joseph brought them out from
between his knees; and he fell down

on his face to the earth. [13]And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel’s left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel’s right hand, and brought them near unto him. [14]And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim’s head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh’s head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the first-born. [15]And he blessed Joseph, and said: ‘The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who hath been my shepherd all my life long unto this day, [16]the angel who hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named in them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.’ [17]And when Joseph saw that his father was laying his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him, and he held up his father’s hand, to remove it from Ephraim’s head unto Manasseh’s head. [18]And Joseph said unto his father: ‘Not so, my father, for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head.’ [19]And his father refused, and said: ‘I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great; howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.’ [20]And he blessed them that day, saying: ‘By thee shall Israel bless, saying: God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh.’ And he set Ephraim before Manasseh. [21]And Israel said unto Joseph: ‘Behold, I die; but God will be with you, and bring you back unto the land of your fathers. [22]Moreover I have given to thee one [a]portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.’

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: ‘Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the end of days.

[2]Assemble yourselves, and hear, ye sons of Jacob;
And hearken unto Israel your father.
[3]Reuben, thou art my first-born,
My might, and the first-fruits of my strength;
The excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.
[4]Unstable as water, have not thou the excellency;
Because thou wentest up to thy father’s bed;
Then defiledst thou it—he went up to my couch.

[5]Simeon and Levi are brethren;
Weapons of violence their kinship.
[6]Let my soul not come into their council;
Unto their assembly let my glory not be not united;
For in their anger they slew men,

[a] Heb. schechem, shoulder.

And in their self-will they houghed
oxen.
[7]Cursed be their anger, for it was
fierce,
And their wrath, for it was cruel;
I will divide them in Jacob,
And scatter them in Israel

[8]Judah, thee shall thy brethren
praise;
Thy hand shall be on the neck of
thine enemies;
Thy father's sons shall bow down
before thee.
[9]Judah is a lion's whelp;
From the prey, my son, thou art
gone up.
He stooped down, he couched as a
lion,
And as a lioness; who shall rouse
him up?
[10]The sceptre shall not depart from
Judah,
Nor the ruler's staff from between
his feet,
As long as men come to Shiloh;
And unto him shall the obedience of
the peoples be.
[11]Binding his foal unto the vine,
And his ass's colt unto the choice
vine;
He washeth his garments in wine,
And his vesture in the blood of
grapes;
[12]His eyes shall be red with wine,
And his teeth white with milk.

[13]Zebulun shall dwell at the shore of
the sea,
And he shall be a shore for ships,
And his flank shall be upon Zidon.

[14]Issachar is a large-boned ass,
Couching down between the sheep-
folds.
[15]For he saw a resting-place that it
was good,
And the land that it was pleasant;
And he bowed his shoulder to bear,
And became a servant under task-
work

[16]Dan shall judge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.
[17]Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
A horned snake in the path,
That biteth the horse's heels,
So that his rider falleth backward.
[18]I wait for Thy salvation, O Lord.

[19]Gad, [a]a troop [b]shall troop upon
him;
But he shall troop upon their heel.

[20]As for Asher, his bread shall be
fat,
And he shall yield royal dainties.

[21]Naphtali is a hind let loose:
He giveth goodly words.

[22]Joseph is a fruitful vine,
A fruitful vine by a fountain;
Its branches run over the wall.

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[a] Heb. *gedud*.
[b] From the Heb. root *gadad*.

23 The archers have dealt bitterly
with him,
And shot at him, and hated him;
24 But his bow abode firm,
And the arms of his hands were
made supple,
By the hands of the Mighty One of
Jacob,
From thence, from the Shepherd, the
Stone of Israel,
25 Even by the God of thy father,
who shall help thee,
And by the Almighty, who shall
bless thee,
With blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that coucheth
beneath,
Blessings of the breasts, and of the
womb.
26 The blessings of thy father
Are mighty beyond the blessings of
my progenitors
Unto the utmost bound of the
everlasting hills;
They shall be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of the
prince among his brethren.

27 Benjamin is a wolf that raveneth;
In the morning he devoureth the
prey,
And at even he divideth the spoil.'

28 All these are the twelve tribes of
Israel, and this is it that their father
spoke unto them and blessed them;
every one according to his blessing he
blessed them. 29 And be charged them,
and said unto them: 'I am to be
gathered unto my people; bury me
with my fathers in the cave that is in
the field of Ephron the Hittite, 30 in the
cave that is in the field of Machpelah,
which is before Mamre, in the land of
Canaan, which Abraham bought with
the field from Ephron the Hittite for a
possession of a burying-place. 31 There
they buried Abraham and Sarah his
wife; there they buried Isaac and
Rebekah his wife; and there I buried
Leah. 32 The field and the cave that is
therein, which was purchased from the
children of Heth.' 33 And when Jacob
made an end of charging his sons, he
gathered up his feet into the bed, and
expired, and was gathered unto his
people.

50 And Joseph fell upon his
father's face, and wept upon
him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph
commanded his servants the
physicians to embalm his father. And
the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 And
forty days were fulfilled for him; for
so are fulfilled the days of embalming.
And the Egyptians wept for him
threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of weeping for
him were past, Joseph spoke unto the
house of Pharaoh, saying: 'If now I
have found favour in your eyes, speak,
I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh,
saying: 5 My father made me swear,
saying: Lo, I die; in my grave which I
have digged for me in the land of
Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now
therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and
bury my father, and I will come back.'

6 And Pharaoh said: ‘Go up, and bury
thy father, according as he made thee
swear.’ 7 And Joseph went up to bury
his father; and with him went up all
the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of
his house, and all the elders of the land
of Egypt, 8 and all the house of Joseph,
and his brethren, and his father’s
house; only their little ones, and their
flocks, and their herds, they left in the
land of Goshen. 9 And there went up
with him both chariots and horsemen;
and it was a very great company.
10 And they came to the threshing-floor
of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan,
and there they wailed with a very great
and sore wailing; and he made a
mourning for his father seven days.
11 And when the inhabitants of the land,
the Canaanites, saw the mourning in
the floor of Atad, they said: ‘This is a
grievous [a]mourning to the Egyptians.’
Wherefore the name of it was called
Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the
Jordan. 12 And his sons did unto him
according as he commanded them.
13 For his sons carried him into the land
of Canaan, and buried him in the cave
of the field of Machpelah, which
Abraham bought with the field, for a
possession of a burying-place, of
Ephron the Hittite, in front of Mamre.

14 And Joseph returned into Egypt,
he, and his brethren, and all that went
up with him to bury his father, after he
had buried his father. 15 And when
Joseph’s brethren saw that their father
was dead, they said: ‘It may be that
Joseph will hate us, and will fully
requite us all the evil which we did
unto him.’ 16 And they sent a message
unto Joseph, saying: ‘Thy father did
command before he died, saying: 17 So
shall ye say unto Joseph: Forgive, I
pray thee now, the transgression of thy
brethren, and their sin, for that they did
unto thee evil. And now, we pray thee,
forgive the transgression of the
servants of the God of thy father.’ And
Joseph wept when they spoke unto
him. 18 And his brethren also went and
fell down before his face; and they
said: ‘Behold, we are thy bondmen.’
19 And Joseph said unto them: ‘Fear
not; for am I in the place of God?
20 And as for you, ye meant evil against
me; but God meant it for good, to
bring to pass, as it is this day, to save
much people alive. 21 Now therefore
fear ye not; I will sustain you, and
your little ones.’ And he comforted
them, and spoke kindly unto them.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he,
and his father’s house; and Joseph
lived a hundred and ten years. 23 And
Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the
third generation; the children also of
Machir the son of Manasseh were born
upon Joseph’s knees. 24 And Joseph
said unto his brethren: ‘I die; but God
will surely remember you, and bring
you up out of this land unto the land
which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac,
and to Jacob.’ 25 And Joseph took an
oath of the children of Israel, saying:
‘God will surely remember you, and

[a] Heb. *ebel*.

ye shall carry up my bones from hence.' 26 So Joseph died, being a hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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# EXODUS

1 Now These are the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt with Jacob; every man came with his household: [2]Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah; [3]Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; [4]Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. [5]And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls; and Joseph was in Egypt already. [6]And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. [7]And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

[8]Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. [9]And he said unto his people: ‘Behold, the people of the children of Israel are too many and too mighty for us; [10]come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there befalleth us any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land.’ [11]Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. [12]But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they were adread because of the children of Israel. [13]And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour. [14]And they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field; in all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigour.

[15]And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah; [16]and he said: ‘When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, ye shall look upon the birthstool: if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.’ [17]But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive. [18]And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them: ‘Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive?’ [19]And the midwives said unto Pharaoh: ‘Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwife come unto them.’ [20]And God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. [21]And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that He

made them houses. [22]And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying: 'Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.'

2 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. [2]And the woman conceived, and bore a son; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. [3]And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river's brink. [4]And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. [5]And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe in the river; and her maidens walked along by the river-side; and she saw the ark among the flags, and sent her handmaid to fetch it. [6]And she opened it, and saw it, even the child; and behold a boy that wept. And she had compassion on him, and said: 'This is one of the Hebrews'children.' [7]Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter: 'Shall I go and call thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?' [8]And Pharaoh's daughter said to her: 'Go.' And the maiden went and called the child's mother. [9]And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her: 'Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages.' And the woman took the child, and nursed it. [10]And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name [a]Moses, and said: 'Because I [b]drew him out of the water.'

[11]And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown up, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. [12]And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he smote the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. [13]And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were striving together; and he said to him that did the wrong: 'Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?' [14]And he said: 'Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? thinkest thou to kill me, as thou didst kill the Egyptian?' And Moses feared, and said: 'Surely the thing is known.' [15]Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well. [16]Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. [17]And the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. [18]And when they came to Reuel their father, he said: 'How is it that ye are

[a] Heb. *Mosheh*.

[b] Heb. *mashah*, to draw out.

come so soon to-day?' 19 And they
said: 'An Egyptian delivered us out of
the hand of the shepherds, and
moreover he drew water for us, and
watered the flock.' 20 And he said unto
his daughters: 'And where is he? Why
is it that ye have left the man? call
him, that he may eat bread.' 21 And
Moses was content to dwell with the
man; and he gave Moses Zipporah his
daughter. 22 And she bore a son, and he
called his name Gershom; for he said:
'I have been [a]a stranger in a strange
land.'

23 And it came to pass in the course
of those many days that the king of
Egypt died; and the children of Israel
sighed by reason of the bondage, and
they cried, and their cry came up unto
God by reason of the bondage. 24 And
God heard their groaning, and God
remembered His covenant with
Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.
25 And God saw the children of Israel,
and God took cognizance of them.

3 Now Moses was keeping the
flock of Jethro his father-in-law,
the priest of Midian; and he led the
flock to the farthest end of the
wilderness, and came to the mountain
of God, unto Horeb. 2 And the angel of
the Lord appeared unto him in a flame
of fire out of the midst of a bush; and
he looked, and, behold, the bush
burned with fire, and the bush was not
consumed. 3 And Moses said: 'I will
turn aside now, and see this great
sight, why the bush is not burnt.' 4 And
when the Lord saw that he turned
aside to see, God called unto him out
of the midst of the bush, and said:
'Moses, Moses.' And he said: 'Here
am I.' 5 And He said: 'Draw not nigh
hither; put off thy shoes from off thy
feet, for the place whereon thou
standest is holy ground.' 6 Moreover
He said: 'I am the God of thy father,
the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,
and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid
his face; for he was afraid to look upon
God. 7 And the Lord said: 'I have
surely seen the affliction of My people
that are in Egypt, and have heard their
cry by reason of their taskmasters; for
I know their pains; 8 and I am come
down to deliver them out of the hand
of the Egyptians, and to bring them up
out of that land unto a good land and a
large, unto a land flowing with milk
and honey; unto the place of the
Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the
Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the
Hivite, and the Jebusite. 9 And now,
behold, the cry of the children of Israel
is come unto Me; moreover I have
seen the oppression wherewith the
Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now
therefore, and I will send thee unto
Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth
My people the children of Israel out of
Egypt.' 11 And Moses said unto God:
'Who am I, that I should go unto
Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth
the children of Israel out of Egypt?'
12 And He said: 'Certainly I will be

[a] Heb. *ger*.

with thee; and this shall be the token
unto thee, that I have sent thee: when
thou hast brought forth the people out
of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this
mountain.’ 13 And Moses said unto
God: ‘Behold, when I come unto the
children of Israel, and shall say unto
them: The God of your fathers hath
sent me unto you; and they shall say to
me: What is His name? what shall I
say unto them?’ 14 And God said unto
Moses: ‘I AM THAT I AM’; and He
said: ‘Thus shalt thou say unto the
children of Israel: I AM hath sent me
unto you.’ 15 And God said moreover
unto Moses: ‘Thus shalt thou say unto
the children of Israel: The Lord, the
God of your fathers, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you;
this is My name for ever, and this is
My memorial unto all generations.
16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel
together, and say unto them: The Lord,
the God of your fathers, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath
appeared unto me, saying: I have
surely remembered you, and seen that
which is done to you in Egypt. 17 And I
have said: I will bring you up out of
the affliction of Egypt unto the land of
the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the
Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the
Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land
flowing with milk and honey. 18 And
they shall hearken to thy voice. And
thou shalt come, thou and the elders of
Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye
shall say unto him: The Lord, the God
of the Hebrews, hath met with us. And
now let us go, we pray thee, three
days’journey into the wilderness, that
we may sacrifice to the Lord our God.
19 And I know that the king of Egypt
will not give you leave to go, except
by a mighty hand. 20 And I will put
forth My hand, and smite Egypt with
all My wonders which I will do in the
midst thereof. And after that he will let
you go. 21 And I will give this people
favour in the sight of the Egyptians.
And it shall come to pass, that, when
ye go, ye shall not go empty; 22 but
every woman shall ask of her
neighbour, and of her that sojourneth
in her house, jewels of silver, and
jewels of gold, and raiment; and ye
shall put them upon your sons, and
upon your daughters; and ye shall
spoil the Egyptians.’

4 And Moses answered and said:
‘But, behold, they will not believe
me, nor hearken unto my voice; for
they will say: The lord hath not
appeared unto thee.’ 2 And the Lord
said unto him: ‘What is that in thy
hand?’ And he said: ‘A rod.’ 3 And He
said: ‘Cast it on the ground.’ And he
cast it on the ground, and it became a
serpent; and Moses fled from before it.
4 And the Lord said unto Moses: ‘Put
forth thy hand, and take it by the tail—
and he put forth his hand, and laid hold
of it, and it became a rod in his hand—
5 that they may believe that the Lord,
the God of their fathers, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob, hath appeared unto

thee.’ 6And the Lord said furthermore
unto him: ‘Put now thy hand into thy
bosom.’ And he put his hand into his
bosom; and when he took it out,
behold, his hand was leprous, as white
as snow. 7And He said: ‘Put thy hand
back into thy bosom.—And he put his
hand back into his bosom; and when
he took it out of his bosom, behold, it
was turned again as his other flesh.—
8And it shall come to pass, if they will
not believe thee, neither hearken to the
voice of the first sign, that they will
believe the voice of the latter sign.
9And it shall come to pass, if they will
not believe even these two signs,
neither hearken unto thy voice, that
thou shalt take of the water of the
river, and pour it upon the dry land;
and the water which thou takest out of
the river shall become blood upon the
dry land.’ 10And Moses said unto the
Lord: ‘Oh Lord, I am not a man of
words, neither heretofore, nor since
Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant;
for I am slow of speech, and of a slow
tongue.’ 11And the Lord said unto him:
‘Who hath made man’s mouth? or who
maketh a man dumb, or deaf, or
seeing, or blind? is it not I the Lord?
12Now therefore go, and I will be with
thy mouth, and teach thee what thou
shalt speak.’ 13And he said: ‘Oh Lord,
send, I pray Thee, by the hand of him
whom Thou wilt send.’ 14And the
anger of the Lord was kindled against
Moses, and He said: ‘Is there not
Aaron thy brother the Levite? I know
that he can speak well. And also,
behold, he cometh forth to meet thee;
and when he seeth thee, he will be glad
in his heart. 15And thou shalt speak
unto him, and put the words in his
mouth; and I will be with thy mouth,
and with his mouth, and will teach you
what ye shall do. 16And he shall be thy
spokesman unto the people; and it
shall come to pass, that he shall be to
thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him
in God’s stead. 17And thou shalt take
in thy hand this rod, wherewith thou
shalt do the signs.’

18And Moses went and returned to
[a]Jethro his father-in-law, and said unto
him: ‘Let me go, I pray thee, and unto
my brethren that are in Egypt, and see
whether they be yet alive.’ And Jethro
said to Moses: ‘Go in peace.’ 19And
the Lord said unto Moses in Midian:
‘Go, return into Egypt; for all the men
are dead that sought thy life.’ 20And
Moses took his wife and his sons, and
set them upon an ass, and he returned
to the land of Egypt; and Moses took
the rod of God in his hand. 21And the
Lord said unto Moses: ‘When thou
goest back into Egypt, see that thou do
before Pharaoh all the wonders which
I have put in thy hand; but I will
harden his heart, and he will not let the
people go. 22And thou shalt say unto
Pharaoh: Thus saith the Lord: Israel is
My son, My first-born. 23And I have
said unto thee: Let My son go, that he
may serve Me; and thou hast refused
to let him go. Behold, I will slay thy

[a] Heb. *Jether*.

son, thy first-born.'— 24 And it came to
pass on the way at the lodging-place,
that the Lord met him, and sought to
kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a flint,
and cut off the foreskin of her son, and
cast it at his feet; and she said: 'Surely
a bridegroom of blood art thou to me.'
26 So He let him alone. Then she said:
'A bridegroom of blood in regard of
the circumcision.'

27 And the Lord said to Aaron: 'Go
into the wilderness to meet Moses.'
And he went, and met him in the
mountain of God, and kissed him.
28 And Moses told Aaron all the words
of the Lord wherewith He had sent
him, and all the signs wherewith He
had charged him. 29 And Moses and
Aaron went and gathered together all
the elders of the children of Israel.
30 And Aaron spoke all the words
which the Lord had spoken unto
Moses, and did the signs in the sight of
the people. 31 And the people believed;
and when they heard that the Lord had
remembered the children of Israel, and
that He had seen their affliction, then
they bowed their heads and
worshipped.

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron
came, and said unto Pharaoh:
'Thus saith the Lord, the God of
Israel: Let My people go, that they
may hold a feast unto Me in the
wilderness.' 2 And Pharaoh said: 'Who
is the Lord, that I should hearken unto
His voice to let Israel go? I know not
the Lord, and moreover I will not let
Israel go.' 3 And they said: 'The God of
the Hebrews hath met with us. Let us
go, we pray thee, three days'journey
into the wilderness, and sacrifice unto
the Lord our God; lest He fall upon us
with pestilence, or with the sword.'
4 And the king of Egypt said unto them:
'Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron,
cause the people to break loose from
their work? get you unto your
burdens.' 5 And Pharaoh said: 'Behold,
the people of the land are now many,
and will ye make them rest from their
burdens?' 6 And the same day Pharaoh
commanded the taskmasters of the
people, and their officers, saying: 7 'Ye
shall no more give the people straw to
make brick, as heretofore. Let them go
and gather straw for themselves. 8 And
the tale of the bricks, which they did
make heretofore, ye shall lay upon
them; ye shall not diminish aught
thereof; for they are idle; therefore
they cry, saying: Let us go and
sacrifice to our God. 9 Let heavier work
be laid upon the men, that they may
labour therein; and let them not regard
lying words.' 10 And the taskmasters of
the people went out, and their officers,
and they spoke to the people, saying:
'Thus saith Pharaoh: I will not give
you straw. 11 Go yourselves, get you
straw where ye can find it; for nought
of your work shall be diminished.'
12 So the people were scattered abroad
throughout all the land of Egypt to
gather stubble for straw. 13 And the
taskmasters were urgent, saying:
'Fulfil your work, your daily task, as
when there was straw.' 14 And the

officers of the children of Israel, whom
Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over
them, were beaten, saying: 'Wherefore
have ye not fulfilled your appointed
task in making brick both yesterday
and today as heretofore?' 15Then the
officers of the children of Israel came
and cried unto Pharaoh, saying:
'Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy
servants? 16There is no straw given
unto thy servants, and they say to us:
Make brick; and, behold, thy servants
are beaten, but the fault is in thine own
people.' 17But he said: 'Ye are idle, ye
are idle; therefore ye say: Let us go
and sacrifice to the Lord. 18Go
therefore now, and work; for there
shall no straw be given you, yet shall
ye deliver the tale of bricks.' 19And the
officers of the children of Israel did
see that they were set on mischief,
when they said: 'Ye shall not diminish
aught from your bricks, your daily
task.' 20And they met Moses and
Aaron, who stood in the way, as they
came forth from Pharaoh; 21and they
said unto them: 'The Lord look upon
you, and judge; because ye have made
our savour to be abhorred in the eyes
of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his
servants, to put a sword in their hand
to slay us.' 22And Moses returned unto
the Lord, and said: 'Lord, wherefore
hast Thou dealt ill with this people?
why is it that Thou hast sent me? 23For
since I came to Pharaoh to speak in
Thy name, he hath dealt ill with this
people; neither hast Thou delivered
Thy people at all.'

6 And the Lord said unto Moses:
'Now shalt thou see what I will
do to Pharaoh; for by a strong hand
shall he let them go, and by a strong
hand shall he drive them out of his
land.'

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2And God spoke unto Moses, and
said unto him: 'I am the Lord; 3and I
appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac,
and unto Jacob, as God Almighty, but
by My name [a]יהוה I made Me not
known to them. 4And I have also
established My covenant with them, to
give them the land of Canaan, the land
of their sojournings, wherein they
sojourned. 5And moreover I have
heard the groaning of the children of
Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in
bondage; and I have remembered My
covenant. 6Wherefore say unto the
children of Israel: I am the Lord, and I
will bring you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians, and I will
deliver you from their bondage, and I
will redeem you with an outstretched
arm, and with great judgments; 7and I
will take you to Me for a people, and I
will be to you a God; and ye shall
know that I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out from under the
burdens of the Egyptians. 8And I will
bring you in unto the land, concerning
which I lifted up My hand to give it to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I
will give it you for a heritage: I am the

[a] The ineffable name, read *Adonai*, which means, the *Lord*.

Lord.' [9]And Moses spoke so unto the
children of Israel; but they hearkened
not unto Moses for impatience of
spirit, and for cruel bondage.

[10]And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: [11]'Go in, speak unto Pharaoh
king of Egypt, that he let the children
of Israel go out of his land.' [12]And
Moses spoke before the Lord, saying:
'Behold, the children of Israel have not
hearkened unto me; how then shall
Pharaoh hear me, who am of
uncircumcised lips?'

[13]And the Lord spoke unto Moses
and unto Aaron, and gave them a
charge unto the children of Israel, and
unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring
the children of Israel out of the land of
Egypt.

[14]These are the heads of their
fathers'houses: the sons of Reuben the
first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu,
Hezron, and Carmi. These are the
families of Reuben. [15]And the sons of
Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad,
and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the
son of a Canaanitish woman. These are
the families of Simeon. [16]And these
are the names of the sons of Levi
according to their generations:
Gershon and Kohath, and Merari. And
the years of the life of Levi were a
hundred thirty and seven years. [17]The
sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei,
according to their families. [18]And the
sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar,
and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the years
of the life of Kohath were a hundred
thirty and three years. [19]And the sons
of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are
the families of the Levites according to
their generations. [20]And Amram took
him Jochebed his father's sister to
wife; and she bore him Aaron and
Moses. And the years of the life of
Amram were a hundred and thirty and
seven years. [21]And the sons of Izhar:
Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. [22]And
the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and
Elzaphan, and Sithri. [23]And Aaron
took him Elisheba, the daughter of
Amminadab, the sister of Nahshon, to
wife; and she bore him Nadab and
Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. [24]And the
sons of Korah: Assir, and Elkanah, and
Abiasaph; these are the families of the
Korahites. [25]And Eleazar Aaron's son
took him one of the daughters of Putiel
to wife; and she bore him Phinehas.
These are the heads of the
fathers'houses of the Levites
according to their families. [26]These are
that Aaron and Moses, to whom the
Lord said: 'Bring out the children of
Israel from the land of Egypt
according to their hosts.' [27]These are
they that spoke to Pharaoh king of
Egypt, to bring out the children of
Israel from Egypt. These are that
Moses and Aaron. [28]And it came to
pass on the day when the Lord spoke
unto Moses in the land of Egypt, [29]that
the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 'I
am the Lord; speak thou unto Pharaoh
king of Egypt all that I speak unto
thee.' [30]And Moses said before the
Lord: 'Behold, I am of uncircumcised
lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken

7 unto me?’ 1And the LORD said
unto Moses: ‘See, I have set thee
in God’s stead to Pharaoh; and Aaron
thy brother shall be thy prophet. 2Thou
shalt speak all that I command thee;
and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto
Pharaoh, that he let the children of
Israel go out of his land. 3And I will
harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply
My signs and My wonders in the land
of Egypt. 4But Pharaoh will not
hearken unto you, and I will lay My
hand upon Egypt, and bring forth My
hosts, My people the children of Israel,
out of the land of Egypt, by great
judgments. 5And the Egyptians shall
know that I am the LORD, when I
stretch forth My hand upon Egypt, and
bring out the children of Israel from
among them.’ 6And Moses and Aaron
did so; as the LORD commanded them,
so did they. 7And Moses was fourscore
years old, and Aaron fourscore and
three years old, when they spoke unto
Pharaoh.

8And the LORD spoke unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying: 9’When
Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying:
Show a wonder for you; then thou
shalt say unto Aaron: Take thy rod,
and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it
become a serpent.’ 10And Moses and
Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they
did so, as the LORD had commanded;
and Aaron cast down his rod before
Pharaoh and before his servants, and it
became a serpent. 11Then Pharaoh also
called for the wise men and the
sorcerers; and they also, the magicians
of Egypt, did in like manner with their
secret arts. 12For they cast down every
man his rod, and they became
serpents; but Aaron’s rod swallowed
up their rods. 13And Pharaoh’s heart
was hardened, and he hearkened not
unto them; as the LORD had spoken.

14And the LORD said unto Moses:
‘Pharaoh’s heart is stubborn, he
refuseth to let the people go. 15Get thee
unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he
goeth out unto the water; and thou
shalt stand by the river’s brink to meet
him; and the rod which was turned to a
serpent shalt thou take in thy hand.
16And thou shalt say unto him: The
LORD, the God of the Hebrews, hath
sent me unto thee, saying: Let My
people go, that they may serve Me in
the wilderness; and, behold, hitherto
thou hast not hearkened; 17thus saith
the LORD: In this thou shalt know that I
am the LORD—behold, I will smite
with the rod that is in my hand upon
the waters which are in the river, and
they shall be turned to blood. 18And
the fish that are in the river shall die,
and the river shall become foul; and
the Egyptians shall loathe to drink
water from the river.’

19And the LORD said unto Moses:
‘Say unto Aaron: Take thy rod, and
stretch out thy hand over the waters of
Egypt, over their rivers, over their
streams, and over their pools, and over
all their ponds of water, that they may
become blood; and there shall be
blood throughout all the land of Egypt,

both in vessels of wood and in vessels
of stone.’ [20]And Moses and Aaron did
so, as the LORD commanded; and he
lifted up the rod, and smote the waters
that were in the river, in the sight of
Pharaoh, and in the sight of his
servants; and all the waters that were
in the river were turned to blood.
[21]And the fish that were in the river
died; and the river became foul, and
the Egyptians could not drink water
from the river; and the blood was
throughout all the land of Egypt. [22]And
the magicians of Egypt did in like
manner with their secret arts; and
Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he
hearkened not unto them; as the LORD
had spoken. [23]And Pharaoh turned and
went into his house, neither did he lay
even this to heart. [24]And all the
Egyptians digged round about the river
for water to drink; for they could not
drink of the water of the river. [25]And
seven days were fulfilled, after that the
LORD had smitten the river. [26]And the
LORD spoke unto Moses: ‘Go in unto
Pharaoh, and say unto him: Thus saith
the LORD: Let My people go, that they
may serve Me. [27]And if thou refuse to
let them go, behold, I will smite all thy
borders with frogs. [28]And the river
shall swarm with frogs, which shall go
up and come into thy house, and into
thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed,
and into the house of thy servants, and
upon thy people, and into thine ovens,
and into thy kneading-troughs. [29]And
the frogs shall come up both upon
thee, and upon thy people, and upon

8 all thy servants.’ [1]And the LORD
said unto Moses: ‘Say unto
Aaron: Stretch forth thy hand with thy
rod over the rivers, over the canals,
and over the pools, and cause frogs to
come up upon the land of Egypt.’ [2]And
Aaron stretched out his hand over the
waters of Egypt; and the frogs came
up, and covered the land of Egypt.
[3]And the magicians did in like manner
with their secret arts, and brought up
frogs upon the land of Egypt. [4]Then
Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron,
and said: ‘Entreat the LORD, that He
take away the frogs from me, and from
my people; and I will let the people go,
that they may sacrifice unto the LORD.’
[5]And Moses said unto Pharaoh: ‘Have
thou this glory over me; against what
time shall I entreat for thee, and for thy
servants, and for thy people, that the
frogs be destroyed from thee and thy
houses, and remain in the river only?’
[6]And he said: ‘Against to-morrow.’
And he said: ‘Be it according to thy
word; that thou mayest know that there
is none like unto the LORD our God.
[7]And the frogs shall depart from thee,
and from thy houses, and from thy
servants, and from thy people; they
shall remain in the river only.’ [8]And
Moses and Aaron went out from
Pharaoh; and Moses cried unto the
LORD concerning the frogs, which He
had brought upon Pharaoh. [9]And the
LORD did according to the word of
Moses; and the frogs died out of the
houses, out of the courts, and out of
the fields. [10]And they gathered them

together in heaps; and the land stank.
11But when Pharaoh saw that there was
respite, he hardened his heart, and
hearkened not unto them; as the LORD
had spoken. 12And the LORD said unto
Moses: ‘Say unto Aaron: Stretch out
thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth,
that it may become gnats throughout
all the land of Egypt.’ 13And they did
so; and Aaron stretched out his hand
with his rod, and smote the dust of the
earth, and there were gnats upon man,
and upon beast; all the dust of the
earth became gnats throughout all the
land of Egypt. 14And the magicians did
so with their secret arts to bring forth
gnats, but they could not; and there
were gnats upon man, and upon beast.
15Then the magicians said unto
Pharaoh: ‘This is the finger of God’;
and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and
he hearkened not unto them; as the
LORD had spoken.

16And the LORD said unto Moses:
‘Rise up early in the morning, and
stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh
forth to the water; and say unto him:
Thus saith the LORD: Let My people
go, that they may serve Me. 17Else, if
thou wilt not let My people go, behold,
I will send swarms of flies upon thee,
and upon thy servants, and upon thy
people, and into thy houses; and the
houses of the Egyptians shall be full of
swarms of flies, and also the ground
whereon they are. 18And I will set
apart in that day the land of Goshen, in
which My people dwell, that no
swarms of flies shall be there; to the
end that thou mayest know that I am
the LORD in the midst of the earth.
19And I will put a division between My
people and thy people—by to-morrow
shall this sign be.’ 20And the LORD did
so; and there came grievous swarms of
flies into the house of Pharaoh, and
into his servants’houses; and in all the
land of Egypt the land was ruined by
reason of the swarms of flies. 21And
Pharaoh called for Moses and for
Aaron, and said: ‘Go ye, sacrifice to
your God in the land.’ 22And Moses
said: ‘It is not meet so to do; for we
shall sacrifice the abomination of the
Egyptians to the LORD our God; lo, if
we sacrifice the abomination of the
Egyptians before their eyes, will they
not stone us? 23We will go three
days’journey into the wilderness, and
sacrifice to the LORD our God, as He
shall command us.’ 24And Pharaoh
said: ‘I will let you go, that ye may
sacrifice to the LORD your God in the
wilderness; only ye shall not go very
far away; entreat for me.’ 25And Moses
said: ‘Behold, I go out from thee, and I
will entreat the LORD that the swarms
of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from
his servants, and from his people,
tomorrow; only let not Pharaoh deal
deceitfully any more in not letting the
people go to sacrifice to the LORD.’
26And Moses went out from Pharaoh,
and entreated the LORD. 27And the
LORD did according to the word of
Moses; and He removed the swarms of
flies from Pharaoh, from his servants,
and from his people; there remained

not one. 28And Pharaoh hardened his
heart this time also, and he did not let
the people go.

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Then the LORD said unto Moses:
‘Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him:
Thus saith the LORD, the God of the
Hebrews: Let My people go, that they
may serve Me. 2For if thou refuse to
let them go, and wilt hold them still,
3behold, the hand of the LORD is upon
thy cattle which are in the field, upon
the horses, upon the asses, upon the
camels, upon the herds, and upon the
flocks; there shall be a very grievous
murrain. 4And the LORD shall make a
division between the cattle of Israel
and the cattle of Egypt; and there shall
nothing die of all that belongeth to the
children of Israel.’ 5And the LORD
appointed a set time, saying:
‘Tomorrow the LORD shall do this
thing in the land.’ 6And the LORD did
that thing on the morrow, and all the
cattle of Egypt died; but of the cattle
of the children of Israel died not one.
7And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there
was not so much as one of the cattle of
the Israelites dead. But the heart of
Pharaoh was stubborn, and he did not
let the people go.

8And the LORD said unto Moses and
unto Aaron: ‘Take to you handfuls of
soot of the furnace, and let Moses
throw it heavenward in the sight of
Pharaoh. 9And it shall become small
dust over all the land of Egypt, and
shall be a boil breaking forth with
blains upon man and upon beast,
throughout all the land of Egypt.’
10And they took soot of the furnace,
and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses
threw it up heavenward; and it became
a boil breaking forth with blains upon
man and upon beast. 11And the
magicians could not stand before
Moses because of the boils; for the
boils were upon the magicians, and
upon all the Egyptians. 12And the LORD
hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he
hearkened not unto them; as the LORD
had spoken unto Moses.

13And the LORD said unto Moses:
‘Rise up early in the morning, and
stand before Pharaoh, and say unto
him: Thus saith the LORD, the God of
the Hebrews: Let My people go, that
they may serve Me. 14For I will this
time send all My plagues upon thy
person, and upon thy servants, and
upon thy people; that thou mayest
know that there is none like Me in all
the earth. 15Surely now I had put forth
My hand, and smitten thee and thy
people with pestilence, and thou hadst
been cut off from the earth. 16But in
very deed for this cause have I made
thee to stand, to show thee My power,
and that My name may be declared
throughout all the earth. 17As yet
exaltest thou thyself against My
people, that thou wilt not let them go?
18Behold, tomorrow about this time I
will cause it to rain a very grievous
hail, such as hath not been in Egypt
since the day it was founded even until
now. 19Now therefore send, hasten in
thy cattle and all that thou hast in the

field; for every man and beast that shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.' [20]He that feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses; [21]and he that regarded not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field.

[22]And the Lord said unto Moses: 'Stretch forth thy hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.' [23]And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down unto the earth; and the Lord caused to hail upon the land of Egypt. [24]So there was hail, and fire flashing up amidst the hail, very grievous, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. [25]And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field. [26]Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail. [27]And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them: 'I have sinned this time; the Lord is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. [28]Entreat the Lord, and let there be enough of these mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.' [29]And Moses said unto him: 'As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread forth my hands unto the Lord; the thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know that the earth is the Lord's. [30]But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the Lord God.'— [31]And the flax and the barley were smitten; for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bloom. [32]But the wheat and the spelt were not smitten; for they ripen late.— [33]And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread forth his hands unto the Lord; and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. [34]And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. [35]And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel go; as the Lord had spoken by Moses.

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**10** And the Lord said unto Moses: 'Go in unto Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these My signs in the midst of them; [2]and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what I have wrought upon Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them; that ye may know that I am the Lord.' [3]And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him: 'Thus

saith the Lord, the God of the
Hebrews: How long wilt thou refuse to
humble thyself before Me? let My
people go, that they may serve Me.
4Else, if thou refuse to let My people
go, behold, to-morrow will I bring
locusts into thy border; 5and they shall
cover the face of the earth, that one
shall not be able to see the earth; and
they shall eat the residue of that which
is escaped, which remaineth unto you
from the hail, and shall eat every tree
which groweth for you out of the field;
6and thy houses shall be filled, and the
houses of all thy servants, and the
houses of all the Egyptians; as neither
thy fathers nor thy fathers'fathers have
seen, since the day that they were upon
the earth unto this day.' And he turned,
and went out from Pharaoh. 7And
Pharaoh's servants said unto him:
'How long shall this man be a snare
unto us? let the men go, that they may
serve the Lord their God, knowest
thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?'
8And Moses and Aaron were brought
again unto Pharaoh; and he said unto
them: 'Go, serve the Lord your God;
but who are they that shall go?' 9And
Moses said: 'We will go with our
young and with our old, with our sons
and with our daughters, with our
flocks and with our herds we will go;
for we must hold a feast unto the
Lord.' 10And he said unto them: 'So be
the Lord with you, as I will let you go,
and your little ones; see ye that evil is
before your face. 11Not so; go now ye
that are men, and serve the Lord; for
that is what ye desire.' And they were
driven out from Pharaoh's presence.
12And the Lord said unto Moses:
'Stretch out thy hand over the land of
Egypt for the locusts, that they may
come up upon the land of Egypt, and
eat every herb of the land, even all that
the hail hath left.' 13And Moses
stretched forth his rod over the land of
Egypt, and the Lord brought an east
wind upon the land all that day, and all
the night; and when it was morning,
the east wind brought the locusts.
14And the locusts went up over all the
land of Egypt, and rested in all the
borders of Egypt; very grievous were
they; before them there were no such
locusts as they, neither after them shall
be such. 15For they covered the face of
the whole earth, so that the land was
darkened; and they did eat every herb
of the land, and all the fruit of the trees
which the hail had left; and there
remained not any green thing, either
tree or herb of the field, through all the
land of Egypt. 16Then Pharaoh called
for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he
said: 'I have sinned against the Lord
your God, and against you. 17Now
therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin
only this once, and entreat the Lord
your God, that He may take away from
me this death only.' 18And he went out
from Pharaoh, and entreated the Lord.
19And the Lord turned an exceeding
strong west wind, which took up the
locusts, and drove them into the Red
Sea; there remained not one locust in
all the border of Egypt. 20But the Lord

hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Stretch out thy hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.’ 22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days; 23 they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days; but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. 24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said: ‘Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed; let your little ones also go with you.’ 25 And Moses said: ‘Thou must also give into our hand sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. 26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.’ 27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let them go. 28 And Pharaoh said unto him: ‘Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in the day thou seest my face thou shalt die.’ 29 And Moses said: ‘Thou hast spoken well; I will see thy face again no more.’

11 And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Yet one plague more will I bring upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence; when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether. 2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold.’ 3 And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said: ‘Thus saith the LORD: About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt; 5 and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill; and all the first-born of cattle. 6 And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there hath been none like it, nor shall be like it any more. 7 But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog whet his tongue, against man or beast; that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. 8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down unto me, saying: Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee; and after that I will go out.’ And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Pharaoh will not hearken unto you; that My wonders may be multiplied in

the land of Egypt.' 10And Moses and
Aaron did all these wonders before
Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened
Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the
children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses and Aaron in the land
of Egypt, saying: 2'This month shall be
unto you the beginning of months; it
shall be the first month of the year to
you. 3Speak ye unto all the
congregation of Israel, saying: In the
tenth day of this month they shall take
to them every man a lamb, according
to their fathers'houses, a lamb for a
household; 4and if the household be
too little for a lamb, then shall he and
his neighbour next unto his house take
one according to the number of the
souls; according to every man's eating
ye shall make your count for the lamb.
5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a
male of the first year; ye shall take it
from the sheep, or from the goats; 6and
ye shall keep it unto the fourteenth day
of the same month; and the whole
assembly of the congregation of Israel
shall kill it at dusk. 7And they shall
take of the blood, and put it on the two
side-posts and on the lintel, upon the
houses wherein they shall eat it. 8And
they shall eat the flesh in that night,
roast with fire, and unleavened bread;
with bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9Eat
not of it raw, nor sodden at all with
water, but roast with fire; its head with
its legs and with the inwards thereof.
10And ye shall let nothing of it remain
until the morning; but that which
remaineth of it until the morning ye
shall burn with fire. 11And thus shall
ye eat it: with your loins girded, your
shoes on your feet, and your staff in
your hand; and ye shall eat it in
haste—it is the LORD's passover. 12For
I will go through the land of Egypt in
that night, and will smite all the first-
born in the land of Egypt, both man
and beast; and against all the gods of
Egypt I will execute judgments: I am
the LORD. 13And the blood shall be to
you for a token upon the houses where
ye are; and when I see the blood, I will
pass over you, and there shall no
plague be upon you to destroy you,
when I smite the land of Egypt. 14And
this day shall be unto you for a
memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast
to the LORD; throughout your
generations ye shall keep it a feast by
an ordinance for ever. 15Seven days
shall ye eat unleavened bread; howbeit
the first day ye shall put away leaven
out of your houses; for whosoever
eateth leavened bread from the first
day until the seventh day, that soul
shall be cut off from Israel. 16And in
the first day there shall be to you a
holy convocation, and in the seventh
day a holy convocation; no manner of
work shall be done in them, save that
which every man must eat, that only
may be done by you. 17And ye shall
observe the feast of unleavened bread;
for in this selfsame day have I brought
your hosts out of the land of Egypt;
therefore shall ye observe this day
throughout your generations by an

ordinance for ever. 18 In the first month,
on the fourteenth day of the month at
even, ye shall eat unleavened bread,
until the one and twentieth day of the
month at even. 19 Seven days shall
there be no leaven found in your
houses; for whosoever eateth that
which is leavened, that soul shall be
cut off from the congregation of Israel,
whether he be a sojourner, or one that
is born in the land. 20 Ye shall eat
nothing leavened; in all your
habitations shall ye eat unleavened
bread.'
21 Then Moses called for all the
elders of Israel, and said unto them:
'Draw out, and take you lambs
according to your families, and kill the
passover lamb. 22 And ye shall take a
bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the
blood that is in the basin, and strike the
lintel and the two side-posts with the
blood that is in the basin; and none of
you shall go out of the door of his
house until the morning. 23 For the
LORD will pass through to smite the
Egyptians; and when He seeth the
blood upon the lintel, and on the two
side-posts, the LORD will pass over the
door, and will not suffer the destroyer
to come in unto your houses to smite
you. 24 And ye shall observe this thing
for an ordinance to thee and to thy
sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to
pass, when ye be come to the land
which the LORD will give you,
according as He hath promised, that ye
shall keep this service. 26 And it shall
come to pass, when your children shall
say unto you: What mean ye by this
service? 27 that ye shall say: It is the
sacrifice of the LORD's passover, for
that He passed over the houses of the
children of Israel in Egypt, when He
smote the Egyptians, and delivered our
houses.' And the people bowed the
head and worshipped. 28 And the
children of Israel went and did so; as
the LORD had commanded Moses and
Aaron, so did they.
29 And it came to pass at midnight,
that the LORD smote all the firstborn in
the land of Egypt, from the first-born
of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto
the first-born of the captive that was in
the dungeon; and all the first-born of
cattle. 30 And Pharaoh rose up in the
night, he, and all his servants, and all
the Egyptians; and there was a great
cry in Egypt; for there was not a house
where there was not one dead. 31 And
he called for Moses and Aaron by
night and said: 'Rise up, get you forth
from among my people, both ye and
the children of Israel; and go, serve the
LORD, as ye have said. 32 Take both
your flocks and your herds, as ye have
said, and be gone; and bless me also.'
33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon
the people, to send them out of the
land in haste; for they said: 'We are all
dead men.' 34 And the people took their
dough before it was leavened, their
kneading-troughs being bound up in
their clothes upon their shoulders.
35 And the children of Israel did
according to the word of Moses; and
they asked of the Egyptians jewels of

silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment.
36 And the LORD gave the people favour
in the sight of the Egyptians, so that
they let them have what they asked.
And they despoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Israel
journeyed from Rameses to Succoth,
about six hundred thousand men on
foot, beside children. 38 And a mixed
multitude went up also with them; and
flocks, and herds, even very much
cattle. 39 And they baked unleavened
cakes of the dough which they brought
forth out of Egypt, for it was not
leavened; because they were thrust out
of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither
had they prepared for themselves any
victual. 40 Now the time that the
children of Israel dwelt in Egypt was
four hundred and thirty years. 41 And it
came to pass at the end of four
hundred and thirty years, even the
selfsame day it came to pass, that all
the host of the LORD went out from the
land of Egypt. 42 It was a night of
watching unto the LORD for bringing
them out from the land of Egypt; this
same night is a night of watching unto
the LORD for all the children of Israel
throughout their generations.

43 And the LORD said unto Moses and
Aaron: ‘This is the ordinance of the
passover: there shall no alien eat
thereof; 44 but every man’s servant that
is bought for money, when thou hast
circumcised him, then shall he eat
thereof. 45 A sojourner and a hired
servant shall not eat thereof. 46 In one
house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not
carry forth aught of the flesh abroad
out of the house; neither shall ye break
a bone thereof. 47 All the congregation
of Israel shall keep it. 48 And when a
stranger shall sojourn with thee, and
will keep the passover to the LORD, let
all his males be circumcised, and then
let him come near and keep it; and he
shall be as one that is born in the land;
but no uncircumcised person shall eat
thereof. 49 One law shall be to him that
is homeborn, and unto the stranger that
sojourneth among you.’ 50 Thus did all
the children of Israel; as the LORD
commanded Moses and Aaron, so did
they.

51 And it came to pass the selfsame
day that the LORD did bring the
children of Israel out of the land of
Egypt by their hosts.

13 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2 ’Sanctify unto
Me all the first-born, whatsoever
openeth the womb among the children
of Israel, both of man and of beast, it is
Mine.’

3 And Moses said unto the people:
‘Remember this day, in which ye came
out from Egypt, out of the house of
bondage; for by strength of hand the
LORD brought you out from this place;
there shall no leavened bread be eaten.
4 This day ye go forth in the month
Abib. 5 And it shall be when the LORD
shall bring thee into the land of the
Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the
Amorite, and the Hivite, and the
Jebusite, which He swore unto thy

fathers to give thee, a land flowing
with milk and honey, that thou shalt
keep this service in this month. [6]Seven
days thou shalt eat unleavened bread,
and in the seventh day shall be a feast
to the Lord. [7]Unleavened bread shall
be eaten throughout the seven days;
and there shall no leavened bread be
seen with thee, neither shall there be
leaven seen with thee, in all thy
borders. [8]And thou shalt tell thy son in
that day, saying: It is because of that
which the Lord did for me when I
came forth out of Egypt. [9]And it shall
be for a sign unto thee upon thy hand,
and for a memorial between thine
eyes, that the law of the Lord may be
in thy mouth; for with a strong hand
hath the Lord brought thee out of
Egypt. [10]Thou shalt therefore keep this
ordinance in its season from year to
year.

[11]And it shall be when the Lord
shall bring thee into the land of the
Canaanite, as He swore unto thee and
to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,
[12]that thou shalt set apart unto the Lord
all that openeth the womb; every
firstling that is a male, which thou hast
coming of a beast, shall be the Lord's.
[13]And every firstling of an ass thou
shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou
wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt
break its neck; and all the first-born of
man among thy sons shalt thou
redeem. [14]And it shall be when thy son
asketh thee in time to come, saying:
What is this? that thou shalt say unto
him: By strength of hand the Lord
brought us out from Egypt, from the
house of bondage; [15]and it came to
pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let
us go that the Lord slew all the
firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the
first-born of man, and the first-born of
beast; therefore I sacrifice to the Lord
all that openeth the womb, being
males; but all the first-born of my sons
I redeem. [16]And it shall be for a sign
upon thy hand, and for frontlets
between thine eyes; for by strength of
hand the Lord brought us forth out of
Egypt.'

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[17]And it came to pass, when Pharaoh
had let the people go, that God led
them not by the way of the land of the
Philistines, although that was near; for
God said: 'Lest peradventure the
people repent when they see war, and
they return to Egypt.' [18]But God led
the people about, by the way of the
wilderness by the Red Sea; and the
children of Israel went up armed out of
the land of Egypt. [19]And Moses took
the bones of Joseph with him; for he
had straitly sworn the children of
Israel, saying: 'God will surely
remember you; and ye shall carry up
my bones away hence with you.'
[20]And they took their journey from
Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in
the edge of the wilderness. [21]And the
Lord went before them by day in a
pillar of cloud, to lead them the way;
and by night in a pillar of fire, to give
them light; that they might go by day
and by night: [22]the pillar of cloud by

day, and the pillar of fire by night,
departed not from before the people.

14 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2'Speak unto
the children of Israel, that they turn
back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth,
between Migdol and the sea, before
Baal-zephon, over against it shall ye
encamp by the sea. 3And Pharaoh will
say of the children of Israel: They are
entangled in the land, the wilderness
hath shut them in. 4And I will harden
Pharaoh's heart, and he shall follow
after them; and I will get Me honour
upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host;
and the Egyptians shall know that I am
the Lord.' And they did so. 5And it
was told the king of Egypt that the
people were fled; and the heart of
Pharaoh and of his servants was turned
towards the people, and they said:
'What is this we have done, that we
have let Israel go from serving us?
6And he made ready his chariots, and
took his people with him. 7And he took
six hundred chosen chariots, and all
the chariots of Egypt, and captains
over all of them. 8And the Lord
hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of
Egypt, and he pursued after the
children of Israel; for the children of
Israel went out with a high hand. 9And
the Egyptians pursued after them, all
the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and
his horsemen, and his army, and
overtook them encamping by the sea,
beside Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-
zephon. 10And when Pharaoh drew
nigh, the children of Israel lifted up
their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians
were marching after them; and they
were sore afraid; and the children of
Israel cried out unto the Lord. 11And
they said unto Moses: 'Because there
were no graves in Egypt, hast thou
taken us away to die in the wilderness?
wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us,
to bring us forth out of Egypt? 12Is not
this the word that we spoke unto thee
in Egypt, saying: Let us alone, that we
may serve the Egyptians? For it were
better for us to serve the Egyptians,
than that we should die in the
wilderness.' 13And Moses said unto the
people: 'Fear ye not, stand still, and
see the salvation of the Lord, which
He will work for you to-day; for
whereas ye have seen the Egyptians
to-day, ye shall see them again no
more for ever. 14The Lord will fight
for you, and ye shall hold your peace.'

15And the Lord said unto Moses:
'Wherefore criest thou unto Me? speak
unto the children of Israel, that they go
forward. 16And lift thou up thy rod,
and stretch out thy hand over the sea,
and divide it; and the children of Israel
shall go into the midst of the sea on
dry ground. 17And I, behold, I will
harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and
they shall go in after them; and I will
get Me honour upon Pharaoh, and
upon all his host, upon his chariots,
and upon his horsemen. 18And the
Egyptians shall know that I am the
Lord, when I have gotten Me honour
upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and
upon his horsemen.' 19And the angel

of God, who went before the camp of
Israel, removed and went behind them;
and the pillar of cloud removed from
before them, and stood behind them;
20 and it came between the camp of
Egypt and the camp of Israel; and
there was the cloud and the darkness
here, yet gave it light by night there;
and the one came not near the other all
the night. 21 And Moses stretched out
his hand over the sea; and the LORD
caused the sea to go back by a strong
east wind all the night, and made the
sea dry land, and the waters were
divided. 22 And the children of Israel
went into the midst of the sea upon the
dry ground; and the waters were a wall
unto them on their right hand, and on
their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued,
and went in after them into the midst
of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his
chariots, and his horsemen. 24 And it
came to pass in the morning watch,
that the LORD looked forth upon the
host of the Egyptians through the pillar
of fire and of cloud, and discomfited
the host of the Egyptians. 25 And He
took off their chariot wheels, and made
them to drive heavily; so that the
Egyptians said: 'Let us flee from the
face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for
them against the Egyptians.'

26 And the LORD said unto Moses:
'Stretch out thy hand over the sea, that
the waters may come back upon the
Egyptians, upon their chariots, and
upon their horsemen.' 27 And Moses
stretched forth his hand over the sea,
and the sea returned to its strength
when the morning appeared; and the
Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD
overthrew the Egyptians in the midst
of the sea. 28 And the waters returned,
and covered the chariots, and the
horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh
that went in after them into the sea;
there remained not so much as one of
them. 29 But the children of Israel
walked upon dry land in the midst of
the sea; and the waters were a wall
unto them on their right hand, and on
their left. 30 Thus the LORD saved Israel
that day out of the hand of the
Egyptians; and Israel saw the
Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore.
31 And Israel saw the great work which
the LORD did upon the Egyptians, and
the people feared the LORD; and they
believed in the LORD, and in His
servant Moses.

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spoke, saying:

I will sing unto the LORD, for He is
highly exalted;
The horse and his rider hath He
thrown into the sea.
2 The LORD is my strength and song,
And He is become my salvation;
This is my God, and I will glorify
Him;
My father's God, and I will exalt
Him.
3 The LORD is a man of war,
The LORD is His name.
4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host
hath He cast into the sea,

And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea.
5The deeps cover them—
They went down into the depths like a stone.
6Thy right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,
Thy right hand, O Lord, dasheth in pieces the enemy.
7And in the greatness of Thine excellency Thou overthrowest them that rise up against Thee;
Thou sendest forth Thy wrath, it consumeth them as stubble.
8And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were piled up—
The floods stood upright as a heap;
The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.
9The enemy said:
'I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil;
My lust shall be satisfied upon them;
I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.'
10Thou didst blow with Thy wind, the sea covered them;
They sank as lead in the mighty waters.
11Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the mighty?
Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness,
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?
12Thou stretchedst out Thy right hand—
The earth swallowed them.
13Thou in Thy love hast led the people that Thou hast redeemed;
Thou hast guided them in Thy strength to Thy holy habitation.
14The peoples have heard, they tremble;
Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.
15Then were the chiefs of Edom affrighted;
The mighty men of Moab, trembling taketh hold upon them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away.
16Terror and dread falleth upon them;
By the greatness of Thine arm they are as still as a stone;
Till Thy people pass over, O Lord,
Till the people pass over that Thou hast gotten.
17Thou bringest them in, and plantest them in the mountain of Thine inheritance,
The place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in,
The sanctuary, O Lord, which Thy hands have established.
18The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

19For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea.

20And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her

hand; and all the women went out after
her with timbrels and with dances.
21 And Miriam sang unto them:

Sing ye to the LORD, for He is highly
exalted:
The horse and his rider hath He
thrown into the sea.

22 And Moses led Israel onward from
the Red Sea, and they went out into the
wilderness of Shur; and they went
three days in the wilderness, and found
no water. 23 And when they came to
Marah, they could not drink of the
waters of Marah, for they were bitter.
Therefore the name of it was called
[a]Marah. 24 And the people murmured
against Moses, saying: ‘What shall we
drink?’ 25 And he cried unto the LORD;
and the LORD showed him a tree, and
he cast it into the waters, and the
waters were made sweet. There He
made for them a statute and an
ordinance, and there He proved them;
26 and He said: ‘If thou wilt diligently
hearken to the voice of the LORD thy
God, and wilt do that which is right in
His eyes, and wilt give ear to His
commandments, and keep all His
statutes, I will put none of the diseases
upon thee, which I have put upon the
Egyptians; for I am the LORD that
healeth thee.’

27 And they came to Elim, where
were twelve springs of water, and
three score and ten palm-trees; and
they encamped there by the waters.

[a] That is, *Bitterness*.

16 And they took their journey
from Elim, and all the
congregation of the children of Israel
came unto the wilderness of Sin,
which is between Elim and Sinai, on
the fifteenth day of the second month
after their departing out of the land of
Egypt. 2 And the whole congregation of
the children of Israel murmured
against Moses and against Aaron in
the wilderness; 3 and the children of
Israel said unto them: ‘Would that we
had died by the hand of the LORD in the
land of Egypt, when we sat by the
flesh-pots, when we did eat bread to
the full; for ye have brought us forth
into this wilderness, to kill this whole
assembly with hunger.’

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses:
‘Behold, I will cause to rain bread
from heaven for you; and the people
shall go out and gather a day’s portion
every day, that I may prove them,
whether they will walk in My law, or
not. 5 And it shall come to pass on the
sixth day that they shall prepare that
which they bring in, and it shall be
twice as much as they gather daily.’
6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all
the children of Israel: ‘At even, then
ye shall know that the LORD hath
brought you out from the land of
Egypt; 7 and in the morning, then ye
shall see the glory of the LORD; for that
He hath heard your murmurings
against the LORD; and what are we, that
ye murmur against us?’ 8 And Moses
said: ‘This shall be, when the LORD
shall give you in the evening flesh to

eat, and in the morning bread to the
full; for that the Lord heareth your
murmurings which ye murmur against
Him; and what are we? your
murmurings are not against us, but
against the Lord.’ [9]And Moses said
unto Aaron: ‘Say unto all the
congregation of the children of Israel:
Come near before the Lord; for He
hath heard your murmurings.’ [10]And it
came to pass, as Aaron spoke unto the
whole congregation of the children of
Israel, that they looked toward the
wilderness, and, behold, the glory of
the Lord appeared in the cloud. [11]And
the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying:
[12]‘I have heard the murmurings of the
children of Israel. Speak unto them,
saying: At dusk ye shall eat flesh, and
in the morning ye shall be filled with
bread; and ye shall know that I am the
Lord your God.’ [13]And it came to pass
at even, that the quails came up, and
covered the camp; and in the morning
there was a layer of dew round about
the camp. [14]And when the layer of dew
was gone up, behold upon the face of
the wilderness a fine, scale-like thing,
fine as the hoar-frost on the ground.
[15]And when the children of Israel saw
it, they said one to another: [a]‘What is
it?’—for they knew not what it was.
And Moses said unto them: ‘It is the
bread which the Lord hath given you
to eat. [16]This is the thing which the
Lord hath commanded: Gather ye of it
every man according to his eating; an
omer a head, according to the number
of your persons, shall ye take it, every
man for them that are in his tent.’
[17]And the children of Israel did so, and
gathered some more, some less. [18]And
when they did mete it with an omer, he
that gathered much had nothing over,
and he that gathered little had no lack;
they gathered every man according to
his eating. [19]And Moses said unto
them: ‘Let no man leave of it till the
morning.’ [20]Notwithstanding they
hearkened not unto Moses; but some
of them left of it until the morning, and
it bred worms, and rotted; and Moses
was wroth with them. [21]And they
gathered it morning by morning, every
man according to his eating; and as the
sun waxed hot, it melted. [22]And it
came to pass that on the sixth day they
gathered twice as much bread, two
omers for each one; and all the rulers
of the congregation came and told
Moses. [23]And he said unto them: ‘This
is that which the Lord hath spoken:
To-morrow is a solemn rest, a holy
sabbath unto the Lord. Bake that
which ye will bake, and seethe that
which ye will seethe; and all that
remaineth over lay up for you to be
kept until the morning.’ [24]And they
laid it up till the morning, as Moses
bade; and it did not rot, neither was
there any worm therein. [25]And Moses
said: ‘Eat that to-day; for to-day is a
sabbath unto the Lord; to-day ye shall
not find it in the field. [26]Six days ye
shall gather it; but on the seventh day
is the sabbath, in it there shall be

[a] Heb. *Man hu*.

none.’ 27 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that there went out some of the people to gather, and they found none. 28 And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘How long refuse ye to keep My commandments and My laws? 29 See that the LORD hath given you the sabbath; therefore He giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh clay.’ 30 So the people rested on the seventh day. 31 And the house of Israel called the name thereof [a]Manna; and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. 32 And Moses said: ‘This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded: Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.’ 33 And Moses said unto Aaron: ‘Take a jar, and put an omerful of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept throughout your generations.’ 34 As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35 And the children of Israel did eat the manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat the manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. 36 Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

[a] Heb. *Man.*

17 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, by their stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and encamped in Rephidim; and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Wherefore the people strove with Moses, and said: ‘Give us water that we may drink.’ And Moses said unto them: ‘Why strive ye with me? wherefore do ye try the LORD?’ 3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said: ‘Wherefore hast thou brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?’ 4 And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying: ‘What shall I do unto this people? they are almost ready to stone me.’ 5 And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Pass on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink.’ And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And the name of the place was called [b]Massah, and [c]Meribah, because of the striving of the children of Israel, and because they tried the LORD, saying: ‘Is the LORD among us, or not?’

[b] That is, *Trying*.
[c] That is *Strife*.

[8]Then came Amalek, and fought
with Israel in Rephidim. [9]And Moses
said unto Joshua: ‘Choose us out men,
and go out, fight with Amalek;
tomorrow I will stand on the top of the
hill with the rod of God in my hand.’
[10]So Joshua did as Moses had said to
him, and fought with Amalek; and
Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the
top of the hill. [11]And it came to pass,
when Moses held up his hand, that
Israel prevailed; and when he let down
his hand, Amalek prevailed. [12]But
Moses’hands were heavy; and they
took a stone, and put it under him, and
he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur
stayed up his hands, the one on the one
side, and the other on the other side;
and his hands were steady until the
going down of the sun. [13]And Joshua
discomfited Amalek and his people
with the edge of the sword.

[14]And the Lord said unto Moses:
‘Write this for a memorial in the book,
and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua:
for I will utterly blot out the
remembrance of Amalek from under
heaven.’ [15]And Moses built an altar,
and called the name of it [a]Adonai-
nissi. [16]And he said: ‘The hand upon
the throne of the Lord: the Lord will
have war with Amalek from
generation to generation.’

## יתרו

**18** [1]Now Jethro, the priest of
Midian, Moses’father-in-law,
heard of all that God had done for
Moses, and for Israel His people, how
that the Lord had brought Israel out of
Egypt. [2]And Jethro, Moses’father-in-
law, took Zipporah, Moses’wife, after
he had sent her away, [3]and her two
sons; of whom the name of the one
was Gershom; for he said: ‘I have been
a stranger in a strange land’; [4]and the
name of the other was [b]Eliezer: ‘for
the God of my father was my help, and
delivered me from the sword of
Pharaoh.’ [5]And Jethro, Moses’father-
in-law, came with his sons and his
wife unto Moses into the wilderness
where he was encamped, at the mount
of God; [6]and he said unto Moses: ‘I
thy father-in-law Jethro am coming
unto thee, and thy wife, and her two
sons with her.’ [7]And Moses went out
to meet his father-in-law, and bowed
down and kissed him; and they asked
each other of their welfare; and they
came into the tent. [8]And Moses told
his father-in-law all that the Lord had
done unto Pharaoh and to the
Egyptians for Israel’s sake, all the
travail that had come upon them by the
way, and how the Lord delivered
them. [9]And Jethro rejoiced for all the
goodness which the Lord had done to
Israel, in that He had delivered them
out of the hand of the Egyptians. [10]And
Jethro said: ‘Blessed be the Lord, who
hath delivered you out of the hand of
the Egyptians, and out of the hand of
Pharaoh; who hath delivered the

[a] That is, *The Lord is my banner*.

[b] Heb. *El*, God, and *ezer*, help.

people from under the hand of the
Egyptians. 11Now I know that the Lord
is greater than all gods; yea, for that
they dealt proudly against them.'
12And Jethro, Moses'father-in-law,
took a burnt-offering and sacrifices for
God; and Aaron came, and all the
elders of Israel, to eat bread with
Moses'father-in-law before God.
13And it came to pass on the morrow,
that Moses sat to judge the people; and
the people stood about Moses from the
morning unto the evening. 14And when
Moses'father-in-law saw all that he did
to the people, he said: 'What is this
thing that thou doest to the people?
why sittest thou thyself alone, and all
the people stand about thee from
morning unto even?' 15And Moses said
unto his father-in-law: 'Because the
people come unto me to inquire of
God; 16when they have a matter, it
cometh unto me; and I judge between
a man and his neighbour, and I make
them know the statutes of God, and
His laws.' 17And Moses'father-in-law
said unto him: 'The thing that thou
doest is not good. 18Thou wilt surely
wear away, both thou, and this people
that is with thee; for the thing is too
heavy for thee; thou art not able to
perform it thyself alone. 19Hearken
now unto my voice, I will give thee
counsel, and God be with thee: be thou
for the people before God, and bring
thou the causes unto God. 20And thou
shalt teach them the statutes and the
laws, and shalt show them the way
wherein they must walk, and the work
that they must do. 21Moreover thou
shalt provide out of all the people able
men, such as fear God, men of truth,
hating unjust gain; and place such over
them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers
of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers
of tens. 22And let them judge the
people at all seasons; and it shall be,
that every great matter they shall bring
unto thee, but every small matter they
shall judge themselves; so shall they
make it easier for thee and bear the
burden with thee. 23If thou shalt do this
thing, and God command thee so, then
thou shalt be able to endure, and all
this people also shall go to their place
in peace.' 24So Moses hearkened to the
voice of his father-in-law, and did all
that he had said. 25And Moses chose
able men out of all Israel, and made
them heads over the people, rulers of
thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of
fifties, and rulers of tens. 26And they
judged the people at all seasons: the
hard causes they brought unto Moses,
but every small matter they judged
themselves. 27And Moses let his
father-in-law depart; and he went his
way into his own land.

19 In the third month after the
children of Israel were gone
forth out of the land of Egypt, the
same day came they into the
wilderness of Sinai. 2And when they
were departed from Rephidim, and
were come to the wilderness of Sinai,
they encamped in the wilderness; and
there Israel encamped before the
mount. 3And Moses went up unto God,

and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying: ‘Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’wings, and brought you unto Myself. 5Now therefore, if ye will hearken unto My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be Mine own treasure from among all peoples; for all the earth is Mine; 6and ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.’ 7And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. 8And all the people answered together, and said: ‘All that the LORD hath spoken we will do.’ And Moses reported the words of the people unto the LORD. 9And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and may also believe thee for ever.’ And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. 10And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their garments, 11and be ready against the third day; for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. 12And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying: Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it; whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death; 13no hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live; when the ram’s horn soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount.’ 14And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their garments. 15And he said unto the people: ‘Be ready against the third day; come not near a woman.’ 16And it came to pass on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of a horn exceeding loud; and all the people that were in the camp trembled. 17And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18Now mount Sinai was altogether on smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19And when the voice of the horn waxed louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice. 20And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, to the top of the mount; and the LORD called Moses to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. 21And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. 22And let the priests also, that come near to the

LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.’ [23]And Moses said unto the LORD: ‘The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for thou didst charge us, saying: Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.’ [24]And the LORD said unto him: ‘Go, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee; but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest He break forth upon them.’ [25]So Moses went down unto the people, and told them.

20 And God spoke all these words, saying:

[2]I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

[3]Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. [4]Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any manner of likeness, of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; [5]thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; [6]and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

[7]Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

[8]Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. [9]Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; [10]but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God, in it thou shalt not do any manner of work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; [11]for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested on the seventh day; wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

[12]Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[13]Thou shalt not murder.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

[14]Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbour’s wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour’s.

[15]And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the horn, and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled, and stood afar off. [16]And they said unto Moses: ‘Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.’ [17]And Moses said unto the

people: ‘Fear not; for God is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before you, that ye sin not.’ [18]And the people stood afar off; but Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

[19]And the LORD said unto Moses: Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel: Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. [20]Ye shall not make with Me—gods of silver, or gods of gold, ye shall not make unto you. [21]An altar of earth thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen; in every place where I cause My name to be mentioned I will come unto thee and bless thee. [22]And if thou make Me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast profaned it. [23]Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto Mine altar, that thy nakedness be not uncovered thereon.

**משפטים**

21 Now these are the ordinances which thou shalt set before them.

[2]If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. [3]If he come in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he be married, then his wife shall go out with him. [4]If his master give him a wife, and she bear him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out by himself. [5]But if the servant shall plainly say: I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free; [6]then his master shall bring him unto [a]God, and shall bring him to the door, or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

[7]And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. [8]If she please not her master, who hath espoused her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed; to sell her unto a foreign people he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. [9]And if he espouse her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. [10]If he take him another wife, her food, her raiment, and her conjugal rights, shall he not diminish. [11]And if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out for nothing, without money.

[12]He that smiteth a man, so that he dieth, shall surely be put to death. [13]And if a man lie not in wait, but God cause it to come to hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he may flee.

[14]And if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from Mine altar, that he may die.

[15]And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

[a] That is, *the judges*.

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 And he that curseth his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men contend, and one smite the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keep his bed; 19 if he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit; only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smite his bondman, or his bondwoman, with a rod, and he die under his hand, he shall surely be punished. 21 Notwithstanding if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished; for he is his money.

22 And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart, and yet no harm follow, he shall be surely fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if any harm follow, then thou shalt give life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if a man smite the eye of his bondman, or the eye of his bondwoman, and destroy it, he shall let him go free for his eye's sake. 27 And if he smite out his bondman's tooth, or his bondwoman's tooth, he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 And if an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die, the ox shall be surely stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit. 29 But if the ox was wont to gore in time past, and warning hath been given to its owner, and he hath not kept it in, but it hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death. 30 If there be laid on him a ransom, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. 31 Whether it have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. 32 If the ox gore a bondman or a bondwoman, he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein, 34 the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money unto the owner of them, and the dead beast shall be his.

35 And if one man's ox hurt another's, so that it dieth; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the price of it; and the dead also they shall divide. 36 Or if it be known that the ox was wont to gore in time past, and its owner hath not kept it in; he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his own.

37 If a man steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it, he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a

**22** sheep. [1]If a thief be found breaking in, and be smitten so that he dieth, there shall be no bloodguiltiness for him. [2]If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be bloodguiltiness for him—he shall make restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. [3]If the theft be found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep, he shall pay double.

[4]If a man cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall let his beast loose, and it feed in another man’s field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

[5]If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the shocks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field are consumed; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

[6]If a man deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man’s house; if the thief be found, he shall pay double. [7]If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall come near unto [a]God, to see whether he have not put his hand unto his neighbour’s goods. [8]For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, whereof one saith: ‘This is it, ‘the cause of both parties shall come before God; he whom God shall condemn shall pay double unto his neighbour.

[9]If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep, and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it; [10]the oath of the LORD shall be between them both, to see whether he have not put his hand unto his neighbour’s goods; and the owner thereof shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution. [11]But if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof. [12]If it be torn in pieces, let him bring it for witness; he shall not make good that which was torn.

[13]And if a man borrow aught of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof not being with it, he shall surely make restitution. [14]If the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good; if it be a hireling, he loseth his hire.

[15]And if a man entice a virgin that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to be his wife. [16]If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

[17]Thou shalt not suffer a sorceress to live.

[18]Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

[19]He that sacrificeth unto the gods, save unto the LORD only, shall be utterly destroyed.

[20]And a stranger shalt thou not wrong, neither shalt thou oppress him; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. [21]Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. [22] If thou

[a] That is, *the judges*.

afflict them in any wise—for if they
cry at all unto Me, I will surely hear
their cry— [23]My wrath shall wax hot,
and I will kill you with the sword; and
your wives shall be widows, and your
children fatherless.

[24]If thou lend money to any of My
people, even to the poor with thee,
thou shalt not be to him as a creditor;
neither shall ye lay upon him interest.
[25]If thou at all take thy neighbour's
garment to pledge, thou shalt restore it
unto him by that the sun goeth down;
[26]for that is his only covering, it is his
garment for his skin; wherein shall he
sleep? and it shall come to pass, when
he crieth unto Me, that I will hear; for
I am gracious.

[27]Thou shalt not revile [a]God, nor
curse a ruler of thy people. [28]Thou
shalt not delay to offer of the fulness
of thy harvest, and of the outflow of
thy presses. The first-born of thy sons
shalt thou give unto Me. [29]Likewise
shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with
thy sheep; seven days it shall be with
its dam; on the eighth day thou shalt
give it Me. [30]And ye shall be holy men
unto Me; therefore ye shall not eat any
flesh that is torn of beasts in the field;
ye shall cast it to the dogs.

23 Thou shalt not utter a false
report; put not thy hand with
the wicked to be an unrighteous
witness. [2]Thou shalt not follow a
multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou
bear witness in a cause to turn aside
after a multitude to pervert justice;
[3]neither shalt thou favour a poor man
in his cause.

[4]If thou meet thine enemy's ox or
his ass going astray, thou shalt surely
bring it back to him again.

[5]If thou see the ass of him that
hateth thee lying under its burden, thou
shalt forbear to pass by him; thou shalt
surely release it with him.

[6]Thou shalt not wrest the judgment
of thy poor in his cause. [7]Keep thee far
from a false matter; and the innocent
and righteous slay thou not; for I will
not justify the wicked. [8]And thou shalt
take no gift; for a gift blindeth them
that have sight, and perverteth the
words of the righteous. [9]And a stranger
shalt thou not oppress; for ye know the
heart of a stranger, seeing ye were
strangers in the land of Egypt.

[10]And six years thou shalt sow thy
land, and gather in the increase
thereof; [11]but the seventh year thou
shalt let it rest and lie fallow, that the
poor of thy people may eat; and what
they leave the beast of the field shall
eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with
thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.
[12]Six days thou shalt do thy work, but
on the seventh day thou shalt rest; that
thine ox and thine ass may have rest,
and the son of thy handmaid, and the
stranger, may be refreshed. [13]And in
all things that I have said unto you
take ye heed; and make no mention of
the name of other gods, neither let it be
heard out of thy mouth.

[a] That is, *the judges.*

[14]Three times thou shalt keep a feast
unto Me in the year. [15]The feast of
unleavened bread shalt thou keep;
seven days thou shalt eat unleavened
bread, as I commanded thee, at the
time appointed in the month Abib—for
in it thou camest out from Egypt; and
none shall appear before Me empty;
[16]and the feast of harvest, the first-
fruits of thy labours, which thou
sowest in the field; and the feast of
ingathering, at the end of the year,
when thou gatherest in thy labours out
of the field. [17]Three times in the year
all thy males shall appear before the
Lord GOD.

[18]Thou shalt not offer the blood of
My sacrifice with leavened bread;
neither shall the fat of My feast remain
all night until the morning. [19]The
choicest first-fruits of thy land thou
shalt bring into the house of the LORD
thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in
its mother's milk.

[20]Behold, I send an angel before
thee, to keep thee by the way, and to
bring thee into the place which I have
prepared. [21]Take heed of him, and
hearken unto his voice; be not
rebellious against him; for he will not
pardon your transgression; for My
name is in him. [22]But if thou shalt
indeed hearken unto his voice, and do
all that I speak; then I will be an
enemy unto thine enemies, and an
adversary unto thine adversaries. [23]For
Mine angel shall go before thee, and
bring thee in unto the Amorite, and the
Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the
Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite;
and I will cut them off. [24]Thou shalt
not bow down to their gods, nor serve
them, nor do after their doings; but
thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and
break in pieces their pillars. [25]And ye
shall serve the LORD your God, and He
will bless thy bread, and thy water;
and I will take sickness away from the
midst of thee. [26]None shall miscarry,
nor be barren, in thy land; the number
of thy days I will fulfil. [27]I will send
My terror before thee, and will
discomfit all the people to whom thou
shalt come, and I will make all thine
enemies turn their backs unto thee.
[28]And I will send the hornet before
thee, which shall drive out the Hivite,
the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from
before thee. [29]I will not drive them out
from before thee in one year, lest the
land become desolate, and the beasts
of the field multiply against thee. [30]By
little and little I will drive them out
from before thee, until thou be
increased, and inherit the land. [31]And I
will set thy border from the Red Sea
even unto the sea of the Philistines,
and from the wilderness unto [a]the
River; for I will deliver the inhabitants
of the land into your hand; and thou
shalt drive them out before thee.
[32]Thou shalt make no covenant with
them, nor with their gods. [33]They shall
not dwell in thy land—lest they make
thee sin against Me, for thou wilt serve

[a] That is, the *Euphrates*.

their gods—for they will be a snare
unto thee.

24 And unto Moses He said:
‘Come up unto the Lord, thou,
and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and
seventy of the elders of Israel; and
worship ye afar off; 2and Moses alone
shall come near unto the Lord; but
they shall not come near; neither shall
the people go up with him.’ 3And
Moses came and told the people all the
words of the Lord, and all the
ordinances; and all the people
answered with one voice, and said:
‘All the words which the Lord hath
spoken will we do.’ 4And Moses wrote
all the words of the Lord, and rose up
early in the morning, and builded an
altar under the mount, and twelve
pillars, according to the twelve tribes
of Israel. 5And he sent the young men
of the children of Israel, who offered
burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-
offerings of oxen unto the Lord. 6And
Moses took half of the blood, and put
it in basins; and half of the blood he
dashed against the altar. 7And he took
the book of the covenant, and read in
the hearing of the people; and they
said: ‘All that the Lord hath spoken
will we do, and obey.’ 8And Moses
took the blood, and sprinkled it on the
people, and said: ‘Behold the blood of
the covenant, which the Lord hath
made with you in agreement with all
these words.’ 9Then went up Moses,
and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and
seventy of the elders of Israel; 10and
they saw the God of Israel; and there
was under His feet the like of a paved
work of sapphire stone, and the like of
the very heaven for clearness. 11And
upon the nobles of the children of
Israel He laid not His hand; and they
beheld God, and did eat and drink.
12And the Lord said unto Moses:
‘Come up to Me into the mount and be
there; and I will give thee the tables of
stone, and the law and the
commandment, which I have written,
that thou mayest teach them.’ 13And
Moses rose up, and Joshua his
minister; and Moses went up into the
mount of God. 14And unto the elders
he said: ‘Tarry ye here for us, until we
come back unto you; and, behold,
Aaron and Hur are with you;
whosoever hath a cause, let him come
near unto them.’ 15And Moses went up
into the mount, and the cloud covered
the mount. 16And the glory of the Lord
abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud
covered it six days; and the seventh
day He called unto Moses out of the
midst of the cloud. 17And the
appearance of the glory of the Lord
was like devouring fire on the top of
the mount in the eyes of the children
of Israel. 18And Moses entered into the
midst of the cloud, and went up into
the mount; and Moses was in the
mount forty days and forty nights.

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25 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2’Speak unto
the children of Israel, that they take for

Me an offering; of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take My offering. [3]And this is the offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass; [4]and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’hair; [5]and rams’skins dyed red, and sealskins, and acacia-wood; [6]oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense; [7]onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. [8]And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. [9]According to all that I show thee, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it.

[10]And they shall make an ark of acacia-wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. [11]And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. [12]And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four feet thereof; and two rings shall be on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. [13]And thou shalt make staves of acacia-wood, and overlay them with gold. [14]And thou shalt put the staves into the rings on the sides of the ark, wherewith to bear the ark. [15]The staves shall be in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. [16]And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. [17]And thou shalt make an ark-cover of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. [18]And thou shalt make two cherubim of gold; of beaten work shalt thou make them, at the two ends of the ark-cover. [19]And make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end; of one piece with the ark-cover shall ye make the cherubim of the two ends thereof. [20]And the cherubim shall spread out their wings on high, screening the ark-cover with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the ark-cover shall the faces of the cherubim be. [21]And thou shalt put the ark-cover above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. [22]And there I will meet with thee, and I will speak with thee from above the ark-cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

[23]And thou shalt make a table of acacia-wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. [24]And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. [25]And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. [26]And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold,

and put the rings in the four corners
that are on the four feet thereof.
27Close by the border shall the rings
be, for places for the staves to bear the
table. 28And thou shalt make the staves
of acacia-wood, and overlay them with
gold, that the table may be borne with
them. 29And thou shalt make the dishes
thereof, and the pans thereof, and the
jars thereof, and the bowls thereof,
wherewith to pour out; of pure gold
shalt thou make them. 30And thou shalt
set upon the table showbread before
Me alway.

31And thou shalt make a candlestick
of pure gold: of beaten work shall the
candlestick be made, even its base, and
its shaft; its cups, its knops, and its
flowers, shall be of one piece with it.
32And there shall be six branches going
out of the sides thereof: three branches
of the candlestick out of the one side
thereof, and three branches of the
candle-stick out of the other side
thereof; 33three cups made like
almond-blossoms in one branch, a
knop and a flower; and three cups
made like almond-blossoms in the
other branch, a knop and a flower; so
for the six branches going out of the
candlestick. 34And in the candlestick
four cups made like almond-blossoms,
the knops thereof, and the flowers
thereof. 35And a knop under two
branches of one piece with it, and a
knop under two branches of one piece
with it, and a knop under two branches
of one piece with it, for the six
branches going out of the candlestick.
36Their knops and their branches shall
be of one piece with it; the whole of it
one beaten work of pure gold. 37And
thou shalt make the lamps thereof,
seven; and they shall light the lamps
thereof, to give light over against it.
38And the tongs thereof, and the
snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure
gold. 39Of a talent of pure gold shall it
be made, with all these vessels. 40And
see that thou make them after their
pattern, which is being shown thee in
the mount.

26 Moreover thou shalt make the
tabernacle with ten curtains: of
fine twined linen, and blue, and purple,
and scarlet, with cherubim the work of
the skilful workman shalt thou make
them. 2The length of each curtain shall
be eight and twenty cubits, and the
breadth of each curtain four cubits; all
the curtains shall have one measure.
3Five curtains shall be coupled
together one to another; and the other
five curtains shall be coupled one to
another. 4And thou shalt make loops of
blue upon the edge of the one curtain
that is outmost in the first set; and
likewise shalt thou make in the edge of
the curtain that is outmost in the
second set. 5Fifty loops shalt thou
make in the one curtain, and fifty
loops shalt thou make in the edge of
the curtain that is in the second set; the
loops shall be opposite one to another.
6And thou shalt make fifty clasps of
gold, and couple the curtains one to
another with the clasps, that the
tabernacle may be one whole. 7And

thou shalt make curtains of goats'hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains shalt thou make them. [8]The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; the eleven curtains shall have one measure. [9]And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double over the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. [10]And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the first set, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is outmost in the second set. [11]And thou shalt make fifty clasps of brass, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. [12]And as for the overhanging part that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth over shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. [13]And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of that which remaineth over in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. [14]And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams'skins dyed red and a covering of sealskins above.

[15]And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia-wood, standing up. [16]Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. [17]Two tenons shall there be in each board, joined one to another; thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. [18]And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward: [19]And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards: two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons; [20]and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards. [21]And their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. [22]And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. [23]And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the hinder part. [24]And they shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be complete unto the top thereof unto the first ring; thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. [25]Thus there shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets: two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. [26]And thou shalt make bars of acacia-wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, [27]and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the hinder part westward; [28]and the middle bar in the midst of the boards, which shall pass through from end to end. [29]And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for holders for the bars; and thou shalt

overlay the bars with gold. 30 And thou
shalt rear up the tabernacle according
to the fashion thereof which hath been
shown thee in the mount.

31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue,
and purple, and scarlet, and fine
twined linen; with cherubim the work
of the skilful workman shall it be
made. 32 And thou shalt hang it upon
four pillars of acacia overlaid with
gold, their hooks being of gold, upon
four sockets of silver. 33 And thou shalt
hang up the veil under the clasps, and
shalt bring in thither within the veil the
ark of the testimony; and the veil shall
divide unto you between the holy
place and the most holy. 34 And thou
shalt put the ark-cover upon the ark of
the testimony in the most holy place.
35 And thou shalt set the table without
the veil, and the candlestick over
against the table on the side of the
tabernacle toward the south; and thou
shalt put the table on the north side.
36 And thou shalt make a screen for the
door of the Tent, of blue, and purple,
and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the
work of the weaver in colours. 37 And
thou shalt make for the screen five
pillars of acacia, and overlay them
with gold; their hooks shall be of gold;
and thou shalt cast five sockets of
brass for them.

27 And thou shalt make the altar
of acacia-wood, five cubits
long, and five cubits broad; the altar
shall be four-square; and the height
thereof shall be three cubits. 2 And thou
shalt make the horns of it upon the
four corners thereof; the horns thereof
shall be of one piece with it; and thou
shalt overlay it with brass. 3 And thou
shalt make its pots to take away its
ashes, and its shovels, and its basins,
and its flesh-hooks, and its fire-pans;
all the vessels thereof thou shalt make
of brass. 4 And thou shalt make for it a
grating of network of brass; and upon
the net shalt thou make four brazen
rings in the four corners thereof. 5 And
thou shalt put it under the ledge round
the altar beneath, that the net may
reach halfway up the altar. 6 And thou
shalt make staves for the altar, staves
of acacia-wood, and overlay them with
brass. 7 And the staves thereof shall be
put into the rings, and the staves shall
be upon the two sides of the altar, in
bearing it. 8 Hollow with planks shalt
thou make it; as it hath been shown
thee in the mount, so shall they make
it.

9 And thou shalt make the court of
the tabernacle: for the south side
southward there shall be hangings for
the court of fine twined linen a
hundred cubits long for one side.
10 And the pillars thereof shall be
twenty, and their sockets twenty, of
brass; the hooks of the pillars and their
fillets shall be of silver. 11 And likewise
for the north side in length there shall
be hangings a hundred cubits long, and
the pillars thereof twenty, and their
sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of
the pillars and their fillets of silver.
12 And for the breadth of the court on
the west side shall be hangings of fifty

cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. [13]And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. [14]The hangings for the one side [of the gate] shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. [15]And for the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. [16]And for the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the weaver in colours: their pillars four, and their sockets four. [17]All the pillars of the court round about shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of silver, and their sockets of brass. [18]The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits, of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. [19]All the instruments of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

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[20]And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. [21]In the tent of meeting, without the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall set it in order, to burn from evening to morning before the Lord; it shall be a statute for ever throughout their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

28 And bring thou near unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that they may minister unto Me in the priest’s office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s sons. [2]And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for splendour and for beauty. [3]And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron’s garments to sanctify him, that he may minister unto Me in the priest’s office. [4]And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a tunic of chequer work, a mitre, and a girdle; and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto Me in the priest’s office. [5]And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.

[6]And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the skilful workman. [7]It shall have two shoulder-pieces joined to the two ends thereof, that it may be joined together. [8]And the skilfully woven band, which is upon it, wherewith to gird it on, shall be like the work thereof and of the same piece: of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. [9]And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: [10]six of their

names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, according to their birth. [11]With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Israel; thou shalt make them to be inclosed in settings of gold. [12]And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel; and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

[13]And thou shalt make settings of gold; [14]and two chains of pure gold; of plaited thread shalt thou make them, of wreathen work; and thou shalt put the wreathen chains on the settings.

[15]And thou shalt make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skilful workman; like the work of the ephod thou shalt make it: of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. [16]Four-square it shall be and double: a span shall be the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof. [17]And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of carnelian, topaz, and smaragd shall be the first row; [18]and the second row a carbuncle, a sapphire, and an emerald; [19]and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; [20]and the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be inclosed in gold in their settings. [21]And the stones shall be according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, they shall be for the twelve tribes. [22]And thou shalt make upon the breastplate plaited chains of wreathen work of pure gold. [23]And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. [24]And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. [25]And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in the forepart thereof. [26]And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge thereof, which is toward the side of the ephod inward. [27]And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and shalt put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart thereof, close by the coupling thereof, above the skilfully woven band of the ephod. [28]And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a thread of blue, that it may be upon the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. [29]And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron’s heart, when he goeth in before the LORD; and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32 And it shall have a hole for the head in the midst thereof; it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of a coat of mail that it be not rent. 33 And upon the skirts of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the skirts thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: 34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about. 35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister; and the sound thereof shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and engrave upon it, like the engravings of a signet: HOLY TO THE LORD. 37 And thou shalt put it on a thread of blue, and it shall be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. 38 And it shall be upon Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity committed in the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow, even in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD. 39 And thou shalt weave the tunic in chequer work of fine linen, and thou shalt make a mitre of fine linen, and thou shalt make a girdle, the work of the weaver in colours. 40 And for Aaron’s sons thou shalt make tunics, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and head-tires shalt thou make for them, for splendour and for beauty. 41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and upon his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto Me in the priest’s office. 42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach. 43 And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go in unto the tent of meeting, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die; it shall be a statute for ever unto him and unto his seed after him.

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And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto Me in the priest’s office: take one young bullock and two rams without blemish, 2 and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mingled with oil, and wafers unleavened spread with oil; of fine wheaten flour shalt thou make them. 3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two

rams. [4]And Aaron and his sons thou
shalt bring unto the door of the tent of
meeting, and shalt wash them with
water. [5]And thou shalt take the
garments, and put upon Aaron the
tunic, and the robe of the ephod, and
the ephod, and the breastplate, and
gird him with the skilfully woven band
of the ephod. [6]And thou shalt set the
mitre upon his head, and put the holy
crown upon the mitre. [7]Then shalt thou
take the anointing oil, and pour it upon
his head, and anoint him. [8]And thou
shalt bring his sons, and put tunics
upon them. [9]And thou shalt gird them
with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and
bind head-tires on them; and they shall
have the priesthood by a perpetual
statute; and thou shalt consecrate
Aaron and his sons. [10]And thou shalt
bring the bullock before the tent of
meeting; and Aaron and his sons shall
lay their hands upon the head of the
bullock. [11]And thou shalt kill the
bullock before the Lord, at the door of
the tent of meeting. [12]And thou shalt
take of the blood of the bullock, and
put it upon the horns of the altar with
thy finger; and thou shalt pour out all
the remaining blood at the base of the
altar. [13]And thou shalt take all the fat
that covereth the inwards, and the lobe
above the liver, and the two kidneys,
and the fat that is upon them, and
make them smoke upon the altar. [14]But
the flesh of the bullock, and its skin,
and its dung, shalt thou burn with fire
without the camp; it is a sin-offering.
[15]Thou shalt also take the one ram; and
Aaron and his sons shall lay their
hands upon the head of the ram. [16]And
thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt
take its blood, and dash it round about
against the altar. [17]And thou shalt cut
the ram into its pieces, and wash its
inwards, and its legs, and put them
with its pieces, and with its head.
[18]And thou shalt make the whole ram
smoke upon the altar; it is a burnt-
offering unto the Lord; it is a sweet
savour, an offering made by fire unto
the Lord. [19]And thou shalt take the
other ram; and Aaron and his sons
shall lay their hands upon the head of
the ram. [20]Then shalt thou kill the ram,
and take of its blood, and put it upon
the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and
upon the tip of the right ear of his
sons, and upon the thumb of their right
hand, and upon the great toe of their
right foot, and dash the blood against
the altar round about. [21]And thou shalt
take of the blood that is upon the altar,
and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it
upon Aaron, and upon his garments,
and upon his sons, and upon the
garments of his sons with him; and he
and his garments shall be hallowed,
and his sons and his sons'garments
with him. [22]Also thou shalt take of the
ram the fat, and the fat tail, and the fat
that covereth the inwards, and the lobe
of the liver, and the two kidneys, and
the fat that is upon them, and the right
thigh; for it is a ram of consecration;
[23]and one loaf of bread, and one cake
of oiled bread, and one wafer, out of
the basket of unleavened bread that is

before the Lord. 24And thou shalt put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons; and shalt wave them for a wave-offering before the Lord. 25And thou shalt take them from their hands, and make them smoke on the altar upon the burnt-offering, for a sweet savour before the Lord; it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 26And thou shalt take the breast of Aaron’s ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave-offering before the Lord; and it shall be thy portion. 27And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, and the thigh of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of consecration, even of that which is Aaron’s, and of that which is his sons’. 28And it shall be for Aaron and his sons as a due for ever from the children of Israel; for it is a heave-offering; and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of Israel of their sacrifices of peace-offerings, even their heave-offering unto the Lord. 29And the holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them. 30Seven days shall the son that is priest in his stead put them on, even he who cometh into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place. 31And thou shalt take the ram of consecration, and seethe its flesh in a holy place. 32And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the tent of meeting. 33And they shall eat those things wherewith atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them; but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. 34And if aught of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire; it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. 35And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded thee; seven days shalt thou consecrate them. 36And every day shalt thou offer the bullock of sin-offering, beside the other offerings of atonement; and thou shalt do the purification upon the altar when thou makest atonement for it; and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. 37Seven days thou shalt make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; thus shall the altar be most holy; whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar: two lambs of the first year day by day continually. 39The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at dusk. 40And with the one lamb a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. 41And the other lamb thou shalt offer at dusk, and shalt do thereto according to the meal-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savour, an offering made

by fire unto the Lord. 42 It shall be a
continual burnt-offering throughout
your generations at the door of the tent
of meeting before the Lord, where I
will meet with you, to speak there unto
thee. 43 And there I will meet with the
children of Israel; and [the Tent] shall
be sanctified by My glory. 44 And I will
sanctify the tent of meeting, and the
altar; Aaron also and his sons will I
sanctify, to minister to Me in the
priest's office. 45 And I will dwell
among the children of Israel, and will
be their God. 46 And they shall know
that I am the Lord their God, that
brought them forth out of the land of
Egypt, that I may dwell among them. I
am the Lord their God.

30 And thou shalt make an altar
to burn incense upon; of
acacia-wood shalt thou make it. 2 A
cubit shall be the length thereof, and a
cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare
shall it be; and two cubits shall be the
height thereof; the horns thereof shall
be of one piece with it. 3 And thou shalt
overlay it with pure gold, the top
thereof, and the sides thereof round
about, and the horns thereof; and thou
shalt make unto it a crown of gold
round about. 4 And two golden rings
shalt thou make for it under the crown
thereof, upon the two ribs thereof,
upon the two sides of it shalt thou
make them; and they shall be for
places for staves wherewith to bear it.
5 And thou shalt make the staves of
acacia-wood, and overlay them with
gold. 6 And thou shalt put it before the
veil that is by the ark of the testimony,
before the ark-cover that is over the
testimony, where I will meet with thee.
7 And Aaron shall burn thereon incense
of sweet spices; every morning, when
he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn it.
8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at
dusk, he shall burn it, a perpetual
incense before the Lord throughout
your generations. 9 Ye shall offer no
strange incense thereon, nor burnt-
offering, nor meal-offering; and ye
shall pour no drink-offering thereon.
10 And Aaron shall make atonement
upon the horns of it once in the year;
with the blood of the sin-offering of
atonement once in the year shall he
make atonement for it throughout your
generations; it is most holy unto the
Lord.'

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11 And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 12 'When thou takest the sum of
the children of Israel, according to
their number, then shall they give
every man a ransom for his soul unto
the Lord, when thou numberest them;
that there be no plague among them,
when thou numberest them. 13 This
they shall give, every one that passeth
among them that are numbered, half a
shekel after the shekel of the
sanctuary—the shekel is twenty
gerahs—half a shekel for an offering
to the Lord. 14 Every one that passeth
among them that are numbered, from
twenty years old and upward, shall
give the offering of the Lord. 15 The
rich shall not give more, and the poor

shall not give less, than the half shekel, when they give the offering of the Lord, to make atonement for your souls. [16]And thou shalt take the atonement money from the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before the Lord, to make atonement for your souls.'

[17]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [18]'Thou shalt also make a laver of brass, and the base thereof of brass, whereat to wash; and thou shalt put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. [19]And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat; [20]when they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to cause an offering made by fire to smoke unto the Lord; [21]so they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not; and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.'

[22]Moreover the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [23]'Take thou also unto thee the chief spices, of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty, [24]and of cassia five hundred, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin. [25]And thou shalt make it a holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil. [26]And thou shalt anoint therewith the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, [27]and the table and all the vessels thereof, and the candlestick and the vessels thereof, and the altar of incense, [28]and the altar of burnt-offering with all the vessels thereof, and the laver and the base thereof. [29]And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy; whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. [30]And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office. [31]And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying: This shall be a holy anointing oil unto Me throughout your generations. [32]Upon the flesh of man shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any like it, according to the composition thereof; it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. [33]Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people.'

[34]And the Lord said unto Moses: 'Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; sweet spices with pure frankincense; of each shall there be a like weight. [35]And thou shalt make of it incense, a perfume after the art of the perfumer, seasoned with salt, pure and holy. [36]And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with thee; it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And the incense which thou shalt
make, according to the composition
thereof ye shall not make for
yourselves; it shall be unto thee holy
for the Lord. 38 Whosoever shall make
like unto that, to smell thereof, he shall
be cut off from his people.’

31 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2 ’See, I have
called by name Bezalel the son of Uri,
the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;
3 and I have filled him with the spirit of
God, in wisdom, and in understanding,
and in knowledge, and in all manner of
workmanship, 4 to devise skilful works,
to work in gold, and in silver, and in
brass, 5 and in cutting of stones for
setting, and in carving of wood, to
work in all manner of workmanship.
6 And I, behold, I have appointed with
him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of
the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of
all that are wise-hearted I have put
wisdom, that they may make all that I
have commanded thee: 7 the tent of
meeting, and the ark of the testimony,
and the ark-cover that is thereupon,
and all the furniture of the Tent; 8 and
the table and its vessels, and the pure
candlestick with all its vessels, and the
altar of incense; 9 and the altar of burnt-
offering with all its vessels, and the
laver and its base; 10 and the plaited
garments, and the holy garments for
Aaron the priest, and the garments of
his sons, to minister in the priest’s
office; 11 and the anointing oil, and the
incense of sweet spices for the holy
place; according to all that I have
commanded thee shall they do.’

12 And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 13 ’Speak thou also unto the
children of Israel, saying: Verily ye
shall keep My sabbaths, for it is a sign
between Me and you throughout your
generations, that ye may know that I
am the Lord who sanctify you. 14 Ye
shall keep the sabbath therefore, for it
is holy unto you; every one that
profaneth it shall surely be put to
death; for whosoever doeth any work
therein, that soul shall be cut off from
among his people. 15 Six days shall
work be done; but on the seventh day
is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the
Lord; whosoever doeth any work in
the sabbath day, he shall surely be put
to death. 16 Wherefore the children of
Israel shall keep the sabbath, to
observe the sabbath throughout their
generations, for a perpetual covenant.
17 It is a sign between Me and the
children of Israel for ever; for in six
days the Lord made heaven and earth,
and on the seventh day He ceased from
work and rested.’

18 And He gave unto Moses, when
He had made an end of speaking with
him upon mount Sinai, the two tables
of the testimony, tables of stone,
written with the finger of God.

32 And when the people saw that
Moses delayed to come down
from the mount, the people gathered
themselves together unto Aaron, and
said unto him: ‘Up, make us a god
who shall go before us; for as for this

Moses, the man that brought us up out
of the land of Egypt, we know not
what is become of him.’ 2And Aaron
said unto them: ‘Break off the golden
rings, which are in the ears of your
wives, of your sons, and of your
daughters, and bring them unto me.’
3And all the people broke off the
golden rings which were in their ears,
and brought them unto Aaron. 4And he
received it at their hand, and fashioned
it with a graving tool, and made it a
molten calf; and they said: ‘This is thy
god, O Israel, which brought thee up
out of the land of Egypt.’ 5And when
Aaron saw this, he built an altar before
it; and Aaron made proclamation, and
said: ‘To-morrow shall be a feast to
the Lord.’ 6And they rose up early on
the morrow, and offered burnt-
offerings, and brought peace-offerings;
and the people sat down to eat and to
drink, and rose up to make merry.

7And the Lord spoke unto Moses:
‘Go, get thee down; for thy people,
that thou broughtest up out of the land
of Egypt, have dealt corruptly; 8they
have turned aside quickly out of the
way which I commanded them; they
have made them a molten calf, and
have worshipped it, and have
sacrificed unto it, and said: This is thy
god, O Israel, which brought thee up
out of the land of Egypt.’ 9And the
Lord said unto Moses: ‘I have seen
this people, and, behold, it is a
stiffnecked people. 10Now therefore let
Me alone, that My wrath may wax hot
against them, and that I may consume
them; and I will make of thee a great
nation.’ 11And Moses besought the
Lord his God, and said: ‘Lord, why
doth Thy wrath wax hot against Thy
people, that Thou hast brought forth
out of the land of Egypt with great
power and with a mighty hand?
12Wherefore should the Egyptians
speak, saying: For evil did He bring
them forth, to slay them in the
mountains, and to consume them from
the face of the earth? Turn from Thy
fierce wrath, and repent of this evil
against Thy people. 13Remember
Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy
servants, to whom Thou didst swear by
Thine own self, and saidst unto them: I
will multiply your seed as the stars of
heaven, and all this land that I have
spoken of will I give unto your seed,
and they shall inherit it for ever.’
14And the Lord repented of the evil
which He said He would do unto His
people.

15And Moses turned, and went down
from the mount, with the two tables of
the testimony in his hand; tables that
were written on both their sides; on the
one side and on the other were they
written. 16And the tables were the
work of God, and the writing was the
writing of God, graven upon the
tables. 17And when Joshua heard the
noise of the people as they shouted, he
said unto Moses: ‘There is a noise of
war in the camp.’ 18And he said: ‘It is
not the voice of them that shout for
mastery, neither is it the voice of them
that cry for being overcome, but the

noise of them that sing do I hear.’ [19]And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing; and Moses’anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and broke them beneath the mount. [20]And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. [21]And Moses said unto Aaron: ‘What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought a great sin upon them?’ [22]And Aaron said: ‘Let not the anger of my lord wax hot; thou knowest the people, that they are set on evil. [23]So they said unto me: Make us a god, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. [24]And I said unto them: Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off; so they gave it me; and I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.’ [25]And when Moses saw that the people were broken loose—for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies— [26]then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said: ‘Whoso is on the LORD’S side, let him come unto me.’ And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. [27]And he said unto them: ‘Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.’ [28]And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. [29]And Moses said: ‘Consecrate yourselves to-day to the LORD, for every man hath been against his son and against his brother; that He may also bestow upon you a blessing this day.’ [30]And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people: ‘Ye have sinned a great sin; and now I will go up unto the LORD, peradventure I shall make atonement for your sin.’ [31]And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said: ‘Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them a god of gold. [32]Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy book which Thou hast written.’ [33]And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My book. [34]And now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; behold, Mine angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them.’ [35]And the LORD smote the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

33 And the LORD spoke unto Moses: ‘Depart, go up hence, thou and the people that thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land of which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob,

saying: Unto thy seed will I give it—
2and I will send an angel before thee;
and I will drive out the Canaanite, the
Amorite, and the Hittite, and the
Perizzite, the Hivite, and the
Jebusite— 3unto a land flowing with
milk and honey; for I will not go up in
the midst of thee; for thou art a
stiffnecked people; lest I consume thee
in the way.’ 4And when the people
heard these evil tidings, they mourned;
and no man did put on him his
ornaments. 5And the Lord said unto
Moses: ‘Say unto the children of
Israel: Ye are a stiffnecked people; if I
go up into the midst of thee for one
moment, I shall consume thee;
therefore now put off thy ornaments
from thee, that I may know what to do
unto thee.’ 6And the children of Israel
stripped themselves of their ornaments
from mount Horeb onward.

7Now Moses used to take the tent
and to pitch it without the camp, afar
off from the camp; and he called it The
tent of meeting. And it came to pass,
that every one that sought the Lord
went out unto the tent of meeting,
which was without the camp. 8And it
came to pass, when Moses went out
unto the Tent, that all the people rose
up, and stood, every man at his tent
door, and looked after Moses, until he
was gone into the Tent. 9And it came
to pass, when Moses entered into the
Tent, the pillar of cloud descended,
and stood at the door of the Tent; and
[the Lord] spoke with Moses. 10And
when all the people saw the pillar of
cloud stand at the door of the Tent, all
the people rose up and worshipped,
every man at his tent door. 11And the
Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as
a man speaketh unto his friend. And he
would return into the camp; but his
minister Joshua, the son of Nun, a
young man, departed not out of the
Tent.

12And Moses said unto the Lord:
‘See, Thou sayest unto me: Bring up
this people; and Thou hast not let me
know whom Thou wilt send with me.
Yet Thou hast said: I know thee by
name, and thou hast also found grace
in My sight. 13Now therefore, I pray
Thee, if I have found grace in Thy
sight, show me now Thy ways, that I
may know Thee, to the end that I may
find grace in Thy sight; and consider
that this nation is Thy people.’ 14And
He said: ‘My presence shall go with
thee, and I will give thee rest.’ 15And
he said unto Him: ‘If Thy presence go
not with me, carry us not up hence.
16For wherein now shall it be known
that I have found grace in Thy sight, I
and Thy people? is it not in that Thou
goest with us, so that we are
distinguished, I and Thy people, from
all the people that are upon the face of
the earth?’

17And the Lord said unto Moses: ‘I
will do this thing also that thou hast
spoken, for thou hast found grace in
My sight, and I know thee by name.’
18And he said: ‘Show me, I pray Thee,
Thy glory.’ 19And He said: ‘I will
make all My goodness pass before

thee, and will proclaim the name of the
LORD before thee; and I will be
gracious to whom I will be gracious,
and will show mercy on whom I will
show mercy.’ 20 And He said: ‘Thou
canst not see My face, for man shall
not see Me and live.’ 21 And the LORD
said: ‘Behold, there is a place by Me,
and thou shalt stand upon the rock.
22 And it shall come to pass, while My
glory passeth by, that I will put thee in
a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee
with My hand until I have passed by.
23 And I will take away My hand, and
thou shalt see My back; but My face
shall not be seen.’

34 And the LORD said unto
Moses: ‘Hew thee two tables
of stone like unto the first; and I will
write upon the tables the words that
were on the first tables, which thou
didst break. 2 And be ready by the
morning, and come up in the morning
unto mount Sinai, and present thyself
there to Me on the top of the mount.
3 And no man shall come up with thee,
neither let any man be seen throughout
all the mount; neither let the flocks nor
herds feed before that mount.’ 4 And he
hewed two tables of stone like unto the
first; and Moses rose up early in the
morning, and went up unto mount
Sinai, as the LORD had commanded
him, and took in his hand two tables of
stone. 5 And the LORD descended in the
cloud, and stood with him there, and
proclaimed the name of the LORD.
6 And the LORD passed by before him,
and proclaimed: ‘The LORD, the LORD,
God, merciful and gracious, long-
suffering, and abundant in goodness
and truth; 7 keeping mercy unto the
thousandth generation, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin; and
that will by no means clear the guilty;
visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon
the children, and upon the children’s
children, unto the third and unto the
fourth generation.’ 8 And Moses made
haste, and bowed his head toward the
earth, and worshipped. 9 And he said:
‘If now I have found grace in Thy
sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray
Thee, go in the midst of us; for it is a
stiffnecked people; and pardon our
iniquity and our sin, and take us for
Thine inheritance.’ 10 And He said:
‘Behold, I make a covenant; before all
thy people I will do marvels, such as
have not been wrought in all the earth,
nor in any nation; and all the people
among which thou art shall see the
work of the LORD that I am about to do
with thee, that it is tremendous.
11 Observe thou that which I am
commanding thee this day; behold, I
am driving out before thee the
Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the
Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the
Hivite, and the Jebusite. 12 Take heed to
thyself, lest thou make a covenant with
the inhabitants of the land whither
thou goest, lest they be for a snare in
the midst of thee. 13 But ye shall break
down their altars, and dash in pieces
their pillars, and ye shall cut down
their Asherim. 14 For thou shalt bow
down to no other god; for the LORD,

whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God; [15]lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go astray after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and they call thee, and thou eat of their sacrifice; [16]and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go astray after their gods, and make thy sons go astray after their gods. [17]Thou shalt make thee no molten gods. [18]The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Abib, for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. [19]All that openeth the womb is Mine; and of all thy cattle thou shalt sanctify the males, the firstlings of ox and sheep. [20]And the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty. [21]Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest; in plowing time and in harvest thou shalt rest. [22]And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, even of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the turn of the year. [23]Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel. [24]For I will cast out nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders; neither shall any man covet thy land, when thou goest up to appear before the Lord thy God three times in the year. [25]Thou shalt not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. [26]The choicest first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.'

[27]And the Lord said unto Moses: 'Write thou these words, for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.' [28]And he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten words. [29]And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in Moses'hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face sent forth [a]beams while He talked with him. [30]And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face sent forth beams; and they were afraid to come nigh him. [31]And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him; and Moses spoke to them. [32]And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in mount Sinai. [33]And when Moses had done speaking with

[a] Heb. *horns*.

them, he put a veil on his face. [34]But
when Moses went in before the LORD
that He might speak with him, he took
the veil off, until he came out; and he
came out; and spoke unto the children
of Israel that which he was
commanded. [35]And the children of
Israel saw the face of Moses, that the
skin of Moses'face sent forth beams;
and Moses put the veil back upon his
face, until he went in to speak with
Him.

## ויקהל

35 And Moses assembled all the
congregation of the children of
Israel, and said unto them: 'These are
the words which the LORD hath
commanded, that ye should do them.
[2]Six days shall work be done, but on
the seventh day there shall be to you a
holy day, a sabbath of solemn rest to
the LORD; whosoever doeth any work
therein shall be put to death. [3]Ye shall
kindle no fire throughout your
habitations upon the sabbath day.'

[4]And Moses spoke unto all the
congregation of the children of Israel,
saying: 'This is the thing which the
LORD commanded, saying: [5]Take ye
from among you an offering unto the
LORD, whosoever is of a willing heart,
let him bring it, the LORD'S offering:
gold, and silver, and brass; [6]and blue,
and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen,
and goats'hair; [7]and rams'skins dyed
red, and sealskins, and acacia-wood;
[8]and oil for the light, and spices for the
anointing oil, and for the sweet
incense; [9]and onyx stones, and stones
to be set, for the ephod, and for the
breastplate. [10]And let every wise-
hearted man among you come, and
make all that the LORD hath
commanded: [11]the tabernacle, its tent,
and its covering, its clasps, and its
boards, its bars, its pillars, and its
sockets; [12]the ark, and the staves
thereof, the ark-cover, and the veil of
the screen; [13]the table, and its staves,
and all its vessels, and the showbread;
[14]the candlestick also for the light, and
its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil
for the light; [15]and the altar of incense,
and its staves, and the anointing oil,
and the sweet incense, and the screen
for the door, at the door of the
tabernacle; [16]the altar of burnt-
offering, with its grating of brass, its
staves, and all its vessels, the laver and
its base; [17]the hangings of the court,
the pillars thereof, and their sockets,
and the screen for the gate of the court;
[18]the pins of the tabernacle, and the
pins of the court, and their cords; [19]the
plaited garments, for ministering in the
holy place, the holy garments for
Aaron the priest, and the garments of
his sons, to minister in the priest's
office.'

[20]And all the congregation of the
children of Israel departed from the
presence of Moses. [21]And they came,
every one whose heart stirred him up,
and every one whom his spirit made
willing, and brought the LORD'S
offering, for the work of the tent of
meeting, and for all the service
thereof, and for the holy garments.

[22]And they came, both men and
women, as many as were willing-
hearted, and brought nose-rings, and
ear-rings, and signet-rings, and girdles,
all jewels of gold; even every man that
brought an offering of gold unto the
LORD. [23]And every man, with whom
was found blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and fine linen, and goats'hair,
and rams'skins dyed red, and
sealskins, brought them. [24]Every one
that did set apart an offering of silver
and brass brought the LORD'S offering;
and every man, with whom was found
acacia-wood for any work of the
service, brought it. [25]And all the
women that were wise-hearted did spin
with their hands, and brought that
which they had spun, the blue, and the
purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen.
[26]And all the women whose heart
stirred them up in wisdom spun the
goats'hair. [27]And the rulers brought the
onyx stones, and the stones to be set,
for the ephod, and for the breastplate;
[28]and the spice, and the oil, for the
light, and for the anointing oil, and for
the sweet incense. [29]The children of
Israel brought a freewill-offering unto
the LORD; every man and woman,
whose heart made them willing to
bring for all the work, which the LORD
had commanded by the hand of Moses
to be made.

[30]And Moses said unto the children
of Israel: 'See, the LORD hath called by
name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, of the tribe of Judah. [31]And He
hath filled him with the spirit of God,
in wisdom, in understanding, and in
knowledge, and in all manner of
workmanship. [32]And to devise skilful
works, to work in gold, and in silver,
and in brass, [33]and in cutting of stones
for setting, and in carving of wood, to
work in all manner of skilful
workmanship. [34]And He hath put in his
heart that he may teach, both he, and
Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the
tribe of Dan. [35]Them hath He filled
with wisdom of heart, to work all
manner of workmanship, of the
craftsman, and of the skilful workman,
and of the weaver in colours, in blue,
and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine
linen, and of the weaver, even of them
that do any workmanship, and of those
that devise skilful works.

36 And Bezalel and Oholiab shall
work, and every wise-hearted
man, in whom the LORD hath put
wisdom and understanding to know
how to work all the work for the
service of the sanctuary, according to
all that the LORD hath commanded.'

[2]And Moses called Bezalel and
Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man,
in whose heart the LORD had put
wisdom, even every one whose heart
stirred him up to come unto the work
to do it. [3]And they received of Moses
all the offering, which the children of
Israel had brought for the work of the
service of the sanctuary, wherewith to
make it. And they brought yet unto
him freewill-offerings every morning.
[4]And all the wise men, that wrought all
the work of the sanctuary, came every

man from his work which they
wrought. [5]And they spoke unto Moses,
saying: ‘The people bring much more
than enough for the service of the
work, which the Lord commanded to
make.’ [6]And Moses gave
commandment, and they caused it to
be proclaimed throughout the camp,
saying: ‘Let neither man nor woman
make any more work for the offering
of the sanctuary.’ So the people were
restrained from bringing. [7]For the stuff
they had was sufficient for all the work
to make it, and too much.

[8]And every wise-hearted man
among them that wrought the work
made the tabernacle with ten curtains:
of fine twined linen, and blue, and
purple, and scarlet, with cherubim the
work of the skilful workman made he
them. [9]The length of each curtain was
eight and twenty cubits, and the
breadth of each curtain four cubits; all
the curtains had one measure. [10]And he
coupled five curtains one to another;
and the other five curtains he coupled
one to another. [11]And he made loops of
blue upon the edge of the one curtain
that was outmost in the first set;
likewise he made in the edge of the
curtain that was outmost in the second
set. [12]Fifty loops made he in the one
curtain, and fifty loops made he in the
edge of the curtain that was in the
second set; the loops were opposite
one to another. [13]And he made fifty
clasps of gold, and coupled the
curtains one to another with the clasps;
so the tabernacle was one.

[14]And he made curtains of goats’hair
for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven
curtains he made them. [15]The length of
each curtain was thirty cubits, and four
cubits the breadth of each curtain; the
eleven curtains had one measure.
[16]And he coupled five curtains by
themselves, and six curtains by
themselves. [17]And he made fifty loops
on the edge of the curtain that was
outmost in the first set, and fifty loops
made he upon the edge of the curtain
which was outmost in the second set.
[18]And he made fifty clasps of brass to
couple the tent together, that it might
be one. [19]And he made a covering for
the tent of rams’skins dyed red, and a
covering of sealskins above.

[20]And he made the boards for the
tabernacle of acacia-wood, standing
up. [21]Ten cubits was the length of a
board, and a cubit and a half the
breadth of each board. [22]Each board
had two tenons, joined one to another.
Thus did he make for all the boards of
the tabernacle. [23]And he made the
boards for the tabernacle; twenty
boards for the south side southward.
[24]And he made forty sockets of silver
under the twenty boards: two sockets
under one board for its two tenons, and
two sockets under another board for its
two tenons. [25]And for the second side
of the tabernacle, on the north side, he
made twenty boards, [26]and their forty
sockets of silver: two sockets under
one board, and two sockets under
another board. [27]And for the hinder
part of the tabernacle westward he

made six boards. [28]And two boards
made he for the corners of the
tabernacle in the hinder part; [29]that
they might be double beneath, and in
like manner they should be complete
unto the top thereof unto the first ring.
Thus he did to both of them in the two
corners. [30]And there were eight boards,
and their sockets of silver, sixteen
sockets: under every board two
sockets. [31]And he made bars of acacia-
wood: five for the boards of the one
side of the tabernacle, [32]and five bars
for the boards of the other side of the
tabernacle, and five bars for the boards
of the tabernacle for the hinder part
westward. [33]And he made the middle
bar to pass through in the midst of the
boards from the one end to the other.
[34]And he overlaid the boards with
gold, and made their rings of gold for
holders for the bars, and overlaid the
bars with gold.

[35]And he made the veil of blue, and
purple, and scarlet, and fine twined
linen; with the cherubim the work of
the skilful workman made he it. [36]And
he made thereunto four pillars of
acacia, and overlaid them with gold,
their hooks being of gold; and he cast
for them four sockets of silver. [37]And
he made a screen for the door of the
Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet,
and fine twined linen, the work of the
weaver in colours; [38]and the five
pillars of it with their hooks; and he
overlaid their capitals and their fillets
with gold; and their five sockets were
of brass.

37 And Bezalel made the ark of
acacia-wood: two cubits and a
half was the length of it, and a cubit
and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit
and a half the height of it. [2]And he
overlaid it with pure gold within and
without, and made a crown of gold to
it round about. [3]And he cast for it four
rings of gold, in the four feet thereof:
even two rings on the one side of it,
and two rings on the other side of it.
[4]And he made staves of acacia-wood,
and overlaid them with gold. [5]And he
put the staves into the rings on the
sides of the ark, to bear the ark. [6]And
he made an ark-cover of pure gold:
two cubits and a half was the length
thereof, and a cubit and a half the
breadth thereof. [7]And he made two
cherubim of gold: of beaten work
made he them, at the two ends of the
ark-cover: [8]one cherub at the one end,
and one cherub at the other end; of one
piece with the ark-cover made he the
cherubim at the two ends thereof. [9]And
the cherubim spread out their wings on
high, screening the ark-cover with
their wings, with their faces one to
another; toward the ark-cover were the
faces of the cherubim.

[10]And he made the table of acacia-
wood: two cubits was the length
thereof, and a cubit the breadth
thereof, and a cubit and a half the
height thereof. [11]And he overlaid it
with pure gold, and made thereto a
crown of gold round about. [12]And he
made unto it a border of a hand-
breadth round about, and made a

golden crown to the border thereof
round about. 13And he cast for it four
rings of gold, and put the rings in the
four corners that were on the four feet
thereof. 14Close by the border were the
rings, the holders for the staves to bear
the table. 15And he made the staves of
acacia-wood, and overlaid them with
gold, to bear the table. 16And he made
the vessels which were upon the table,
the dishes thereof, and the pans
thereof, and the bowls thereof, and the
jars thereof, wherewith to pour out, of
pure gold.

17And he made the candlestick of
pure gold: of beaten work made he the
candlestick, even its base, and its
shaft; its cups, its knops, and its
flowers, were of one piece with it.
18And there were six branches going
out of the sides thereof: three branches
of the candlestick out of the one side
thereof, and three branches of the
candlestick out of the other side
thereof; 19three cups made like
almond-blossoms in one branch, a
knop and a flower; and three cups
made like almond-blossoms in the
other branch, a knop and a flower. So
for the six branches going out of the
candlestick. 20And in the candlestick
were four cups made like almond-
blossoms, the knops thereof, and the
flowers thereof; 21and a knop under
two branches of one piece with it, and
a knop under two branches of one
piece with it, and a knop under two
branches of one piece with it, for the
six branches going out of it. 22Their
knops and their branches were of one
piece with it; the whole of it was one
beaten work of pure gold. 23And he
made the lamps thereof, seven, and the
tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes
thereof, of pure gold. 24Of a talent of
pure gold made he it, and all the
vessels thereof.

25And he made the altar of incense
of acacia-wood: a cubit was the length
thereof, and a cubit the breadth
thereof, four-square; and two cubits
was the height thereof; the horns
thereof were of one piece with it.
26And he overlaid it with pure gold, the
top thereof, and the sides thereof round
about, and the horns of it; and he made
unto it a crown of gold round about.
27And he made for it two golden rings
under the crown thereof, upon the two
ribs thereof, upon the two sides of it,
for holders for staves wherewith to
bear it. 28And he made the staves of
acacia-wood, and overlaid them with
gold. 29And he made the holy
anointing oil, and the pure incense of
sweet spices, after the art of the
perfumer.

38
And he made the altar of
burnt-offering of acacia-wood:
five cubits was the length thereof, and
five cubits the breadth thereof, four-
square, and three cubits the height
thereof. 2And he made the horns
thereof upon the four corners of it; the
horns thereof were of one piece with
it; and he overlaid it with brass. 3And
he made all the vessels of the altar, the
pots, and the shovels, and the basins,

the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans; all
the vessels thereof made he of brass.
4And he made for the altar a grating of
network of brass, under the ledge
round it beneath, reaching halfway up.
5And he cast four rings for the four
ends of the grating of brass, to be
holders for the staves. 6And he made
the staves of acacia-wood, and
overlaid them with brass. 7And he put
the staves into the rings on the sides of
the altar, wherewith to bear it; he made
it hollow with planks.

8And he made the laver of brass, and
the base thereof of brass, of the
mirrors of the serving women that did
service at the door of the tent of
meeting.

9And he made the court; for the
south side southward the hangings of
the court were of fine twined linen, a
hundred cubits. 10Their pillars were
twenty, and their sockets twenty, of
brass; the hooks of the pillars and their
fillets were of silver. 11And for the
north side a hundred cubits, their
pillars twenty, and their sockets
twenty, of brass; the hooks of the
pillars and their fillets of silver. 12And
for the west side were hangings of fifty
cubits, their pillars ten, and their
sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars
and their fillets of silver. 13And for the
east side eastward fifty cubits. 14The
hangings for the one side [of the gate]
were fifteen cubits; their pillars three,
and their sockets three. 15And so for
the other side; on this hand and that
hand by the gate of the court were
hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars
three, and their sockets three. 16All the
hangings of the court round about
were of fine twined linen. 17And the
sockets for the pillars were of brass;
the hooks of the pillars and their fillets
of silver; and the overlaying of their
capitals of silver; and all the pillars of
the court were filleted with silver.
18And the screen for the gate of the
court was the work of the weaver in
colours, of blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and fine twined linen; and
twenty cubits was the length, and the
height in the breadth was five cubits,
answerable to the hangings of the
court. 19And their pillars were four,
and their sockets four of brass; their
hooks of silver, and the overlaying of
their capitals and their fillets of silver.
20And all the pins of the tabernacle,
and of the court round about, were of
brass.

**פקודי**

21These are the accounts of the
tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the
testimony, as they were rendered
according to the commandment of
Moses, through the service of the
Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the
son of Aaron the priest. 22And Bezalel
the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the
tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD
commanded Moses. 23And with him
was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of
the tribe of Dan, a craftsman, and a
skilful workman, and a weaver in
colours, in blue, and in purple, and in
scarlet, and fine linen.— 24All the gold

that was used for the work in all the
work of the sanctuary, even the gold of
the offering, was twenty and nine
talents, and seven hundred and thirty
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary. 25 And the silver of them
that were numbered of the
congregation was a hundred talents,
and a thousand seven hundred and
three-score and fifteen shekels, after
the shekel of the sanctuary: 26 a beka a
head, that is, half a shekel, after the
shekel of the sanctuary, for every one
that passed over to them that are
numbered, from twenty years old and
upward, for six hundred thousand and
three thousand and five hundred and
fifty men. 27 And the hundred talents of
silver were for casting the sockets of
the sanctuary, and the sockets of the
veil: a hundred sockets for the hundred
talents, a talent for a socket. 28 And of
the thousand seven hundred seventy
and five shekels he made hooks for the
pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and
made fillets for them. 29 And the brass
of the offering was seventy talents and
two thousand and four hundred
shekels. 30 And therewith he made the
sockets to the door of the tent of
meeting, and the brazen altar, and the
brazen grating for it, and all the
vessels of the altar, 31 and the sockets
of the court round about, and the
sockets of the gate of the court, and all
the pins of the tabernacle, and all the
pins of the court round about.

39 And of the blue, and purple,
and scarlet, they made plaited
garments, for ministering in the holy
place, and made the holy garments for
Aaron, as the LORD commanded
Moses.

2 And he made the ephod of gold,
blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine
twined linen. 3 And they did beat the
gold into thin plates, and cut it into
threads, to work it in the blue, and in
the purple, and in the scarlet, and in
the fine linen, the work of the skilful
workman. 4 They made shoulder-pieces
for it, joined together; at the two ends
was it joined together. 5 And the
skilfully woven band, that was upon it,
wherewith to gird it on, was of the
same piece and like the work thereof:
of gold, of blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and fine twined linen, as the
LORD commanded Moses.

6 And they wrought the onyx stones,
inclosed in settings of gold, graven
with the engravings of a signet,
according to the names of the children
of Israel. 7 And he put them on the
shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be
stones of memorial for the children of
Israel, as the LORD commanded Moses.

8 And he made the breastplate, the
work of the skilful workman, like the
work of the ephod: of gold, of blue,
and purple, and scarlet, and fine
twined linen. 9 It was four-square; they
made the breastplate double; a span
was the length thereof, and a span the
breadth thereof, being double. 10 And
they set in it four rows of stones: a row
of carnelian, topaz, and smaragd was
the first row. 11 And the second row, a

carbuncle, a sapphire, and an emerald.
[12]And the third row, a jacinth, an
agate, and an amethyst. [13]And the
fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a
jasper; they were inclosed in fittings of
gold in their settings. [14]And the stones
were according to the names of the
children of Israel, twelve, according to
their names, like the engravings of a
signet, every one according to his
name, for the twelve tribes. [15]And they
made upon the breastplate plaited
chains, of wreathen work of pure gold.
[16]And they made two settings of gold,
and two gold rings; and put the two
rings on the two ends of the
breastplate. [17]And they put the two
wreathen chains of gold on the two
rings at the ends of the breastplate.
[18]And the other two ends of the two
wreathen chains they put on the two
settings, and put them on the shoulder-
pieces of the ephod, in the forepart
thereof. [19]And they made two rings of
gold, and put them upon the two ends
of the breastplate, upon the edge
thereof, which was toward the side of
the ephod inward. [20]And they made
two rings of gold, and put them on the
two shoulder-pieces of the ephod
underneath, in the forepart thereof,
close by the coupling thereof, above
the skilfully woven band of the ephod.
[21]And they did bind the breastplate by
the rings thereof unto the rings of the
ephod with a thread of blue, that it
might be upon the skilfully woven
band of the ephod, and that the
breastplate might not be loosed from
the ephod; as the Lord commanded
Moses.

[22]And he made the robe of the ephod
of woven work, all of blue; [23]and the
hole of the robe in the midst thereof, as
the hole of a coat of mail, with a
binding round about the hole of it, that
it should not be rent. [24]And they made
upon the skirts of the robe
pomegranates of blue, and purple, and
scarlet, and twined linen. [25]And they
made bells of pure gold, and put the
bells between the pomegranates upon
the skirts of the robe round about,
between the pomegranates: [26]a bell and
a pomegranate, a bell and a
pomegranate, upon the skirts of the
robe round about, to minister in; as the
Lord commanded Moses.

[27]And they made the tunics of fine
linen of woven work for Aaron, and
for his sons, [28]and the mitre of fine
linen, and the goodly head-tires of fine
linen, and the linen breeches of fine
twined linen, [29]and the girdle of fine
twined linen, and blue, and purple, and
scarlet, the work of the weaver in
colours; as the Lord commanded
Moses.

[30]And they made the plate of the
holy crown of pure gold, and wrote
upon it a writing, like the engravings
of a signet: HOLY TO THE LORD.
[31]And they tied unto it a thread of blue,
to fasten it upon the mitre above; as
the Lord commanded Moses.

[32]Thus was finished all the work of
the tabernacle of the tent of meeting;
and the children of Israel did

according to all that the Lord
commanded Moses, so did they.
33And they brought the tabernacle
unto Moses, the Tent, and all its
furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars,
and its pillars, and its sockets; 34and
the covering of rams'skins dyed red,
and the covering of sealskins, and the
veil of the screen; 35the ark of the
testimony, and the staves thereof, and
the ark-cover; 36the table, all the
vessels thereof, and the showbread;
37the pure candlestick, the lamps
thereof, even the lamps to be set in
order, and all the vessels thereof, and
the oil for the light; 38and the golden
altar, and the anointing oil, and the
sweet incense, and the screen for the
door of the Tent; 39the brazen altar,
and its grating of brass, its staves, and
all its vessels, the laver and its base;
40the hangings of the court, its pillars,
and its sockets, and the screen for the
gate of the court, the cords thereof, and
the pins thereof, and all the
instruments of the service of the
tabernacle of the tent of meeting; 41the
plaited garments for ministering in the
holy place; the holy garments for
Aaron the priest, and the garments of
his sons, to minister in the priest's
office. 42According to all that the Lord
commanded Moses, so the children of
Israel did all the work. 43And Moses
saw all the work, and, behold, they had
done it; as the Lord had commanded,
even so had they done it. And Moses
blessed them.

40 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2'On the first
day of the first month shalt thou rear
up the tabernacle of the tent of
meeting. 3And thou shalt put therein
the ark of the testimony, and thou shalt
screen the ark with the veil. 4And thou
shalt bring in the table, and set in order
the bread that is upon it; and thou shalt
bring in the candlestick, and light the
lamps thereof. 5And thou shalt set the
golden altar for incense before the ark
of the testimony, and put the screen of
the door to the tabernacle. 6And thou
shalt set the altar of burnt-offering
before the door of the tabernacle of the
tent of meeting. 7And thou shalt set the
laver between the tent of meeting and
the altar, and shalt put water therein.
8And thou shalt set up the court round
about, and hang up the screen of the
gate of the court. 9And thou shalt take
the anointing oil, and anoint the
tabernacle, and all that is therein, and
shalt hallow it, and all the furniture
thereof; and it shall be holy. 10And
thou shalt anoint the altar of burnt-
offering, and all its vessels, and
sanctify the altar; and the altar shall be
most holy. 11And thou shalt anoint the
laver and its base, and sanctify it.
12And thou shalt bring Aaron and his
sons unto the door of the tent of
meeting, and shalt wash them with
water. 13And thou shalt put upon
Aaron the holy garments; and thou
shalt anoint him, and sanctify him, that
he may minister unto Me in the
priest's office. 14And thou shalt bring

his sons, and put tunics upon them.
15And thou shalt anoint them, as thou
didst anoint their father, that they may
minister unto Me in the priest’s office;
and their anointing shall be to them for
an everlasting priesthood throughout
their generations.’ 16Thus did Moses;
according to all that the LORD
commanded him, so did he.

17And it came to pass in the first
month in the second year, on the first
day of the month, that the tabernacle
was reared up. 18And Moses reared up
the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and
set up the boards thereof, and put in
the bars thereof, and reared up its
pillars. 19And he spread the tent over
the tabernacle, and put the covering of
the tent above upon it; as the LORD
commanded Moses.

20And he took and put the testimony
into the ark, and set the staves on the
ark, and put the ark-cover above upon
the ark. 21And he brought the ark into
the tabernacle, and set up the veil of
the screen, and screened the ark of the
testimony; as the LORD commanded
Moses.

22And he put the table in the tent of
meeting, upon the side of the
tabernacle northward, without the veil.
23And he set a row of bread in order
upon it before the LORD; as the LORD
commanded Moses.

24And he put the candlestick in the
tent of meeting, over against the table,
on the side of the tabernacle
southward. 25And he lighted the lamps
before the LORD; as the LORD
commanded Moses.

26And he put the golden altar in the
tent of meeting before the veil; 27and
he burnt thereon incense of sweet
spices; as the LORD commanded
Moses.

28And he put the screen of the door
to the tabernacle. 29And the altar of
burnt-offering he set at the door of the
tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and
offered upon it the burnt-offering and
the meal-offering; as the LORD
commanded Moses.

30And he set the laver between the
tent of meeting and the altar, and put
water therein, wherewith to wash;
31that Moses and Aaron and his sons
might wash their hands and their feet
thereat; 32when they went into the tent
of meeting, and when they came near
unto the altar, they should wash; as the
LORD commanded Moses.

33And he reared up the court round
about the tabernacle and the altar, and
set up the screen of the gate of the
court. So Moses finished the work.

34Then the cloud covered the tent of
meeting, and the glory of the LORD
filled the tabernacle. 35And Moses was
not able to enter into the tent of
meeting, because the cloud abode
thereon, and the glory of the LORD
filled the tabernacle.— 36And
whenever the cloud was taken up from
over the tabernacle, the children of
Israel went onward, throughout all
their journeys. 37But if the cloud was
not taken up, then they journeyed not

till the day that it was taken up. [38]For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.—

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# LEVITICUS

1 And THE LORD called unto Moses,
and spoke unto him out of the tent
of meeting, saying: 2Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them:

When any man of you bringeth an
offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring
your offering of the cattle, even of the
herd or of the flock.

3If his offering be a burnt-offering
of the herd, he shall offer it a male
without blemish; he shall bring it to
the door of the tent of meeting, that he
may be accepted before the LORD.
4And he shall lay his hand upon the
head of the burnt-offering; and it shall
be accepted for him to make
atonement for him. 5And he shall kill
the bullock before the LORD; and
Aaron's sons, the priests, shall present
the blood, and dash the blood round
about against the altar that is at the
door of the tent of meeting. 6And he
shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it
into its pieces. 7And the sons of Aaron
the priest shall put fire upon the altar,
and lay wood in order upon the fire.
8And Aaron's sons, the priests, shall
lay the pieces, and the head, and the
suet, in order upon the wood that is on
the fire which is upon the altar; 9but its
inwards and its legs shall he wash with
water; and the priest shall make the
whole smoke on the altar, for a burnt-
offering, an offering made by fire, of a
sweet savour unto the LORD.

10And if his offering be of the flock,
whether of the sheep, or of the goats,
for a burnt-offering, he shall offer it a
male without blemish. 11And he shall
kill it on the side of the altar northward
before the LORD; and Aaron's sons, the
priests, shall dash its blood against the
altar round about. 12And he shall cut it
into its pieces; and the priest shall lay
them, with its head and its suet, in
order on the wood that is on the fire
which is upon the altar. 13But the
inwards and the legs shall he wash
with water; and the priest shall offer
the whole, and make it smoke upon the
altar; it is a burnt-offering, an offering
made by fire, of a sweet savour unto
the LORD.

14And if his offering to the LORD be
a burnt-offering of fowls, then he shall
bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of
young pigeons. 15And the priest shall
bring it unto the altar, and pinch off its
head, and make it smoke on the altar;
and the blood thereof shall be drained
out on the side of the altar. 16And he
shall take away its crop with the
feathers thereof, and cast it beside the
altar on the east part, in the place of
the ashes. 17And he shall rend it by the
wings thereof, but shall not divide it
asunder; and the priest shall make it

smoke upon the altar, upon the wood
that is upon the fire; it is a burnt-
offering, an offering made by fire, of a
sweet savour unto the Lord.

2 And when any one bringeth a
meal-offering unto the Lord, his
offering shall be of fine flour; and he
shall pour oil upon it, and put
frankincense thereon. 2 And he shall
bring it to Aaron's sons the priests;
and he shall take thereout his handful
of the fine flour thereof, and of the oil
thereof, together with all the
frankincense thereof; and the priest
shall make the memorial-part thereof
smoke upon the altar, an offering made
by fire, of a sweet savour unto the
Lord. 3 But that which is left of the
meal-offering shall be Aaron's and his
sons'; it is a thing most holy of the
offerings of the Lord made by fire.

4 And when thou bringest a meal-
offering baked in the oven, it shall be
unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled
with oil, or unleavened wafers spread
with oil.

5 And if thy offering be a meal-
offering baked on a griddle, it shall be
of fine flour unleavened, mingled with
oil. 6 Thou shalt break it in pieces, and
pour oil thereon; it is a meal-offering.

7 And if thy offering be a meal-
offering of the stewing-pan, it shall be
made of fine flour with oil. 8 And thou
shalt bring the meal-offering that is
made of these things unto the Lord;
and it shall be presented unto the
priest, and he shall bring it unto the
altar. 9 And the priest shall take off
from the meal-offering the memorial-
part thereof, and shall make it smoke
upon the altar—an offering made by
fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.
10 But that which is left of the meal-
offering shall be Aaron's and his
sons'; it is a thing most holy of the
offerings of the Lord made by fire.
11 No meal-offering, which ye shall
bring unto the Lord, shall be made
with leaven; for ye shall make no
leaven, nor any honey, smoke as an
offering made by fire unto the Lord.
12 As an offering of first-fruits ye may
bring them unto the Lord; but they
shall not come up for a sweet savour
on the altar. 13 And every meal-offering
of thine shalt thou season with salt;
neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the
covenant of thy God to be lacking
from thy meal-offering; with all thy
offerings thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou bring a meal-offering
of first-fruits unto the Lord, thou shalt
bring for the meal-offering of thy first-
fruits corn in the ear parched with fire,
even groats of the fresh ear. 15 And
thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay
frankincense thereon; it is a meal-
offering. 16 And the priest shall make
the memorial-part of it smoke, even of
the groats thereof, and of the oil
thereof, with all the frankincense
thereof; it is an offering made by fire
unto the Lord.

3 And if his offering be a sacrifice
of peace-offerings: if he offer of
the herd, whether male or female, he
shall offer it without blemish before

the Lord. [2]And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tent of meeting; and Aaron’s sons the priests shall dash the blood against the altar round about. [3]And he shall present of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire unto the Lord: the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, [4]and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away hard by the kidneys. [5]And Aaron’s sons shall make it smoke on the altar upon the burnt-offering, which is upon the wood that is on the fire; it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

[6]And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the Lord be of the flock, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. [7]If he bring a lamb for his offering, then shall he present it before the Lord. [8]And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tent of meeting; and Aaron’s sons shall dash the blood thereof against the altar round about. [9]And he shall present of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire unto the Lord: the fat thereof, the fat tail entire, which he shall take away hard by the rump-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, [10]and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away by the kidneys. [11]And the priest shall make it smoke upon the altar; it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord.

[12]And if his offering be a goat, then he shall present it before the Lord. [13]And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tent of meeting; and the sons of Aaron shall dash the blood thereof against the altar round about. [14]And he shall present thereof his offering, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord: the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, [15]and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away by the kidneys. [16]And the priest shall make them smoke upon the altar; it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a sweet savour; all the fat is the Lord’S. [17]It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that ye shall eat neither fat nor blood.

4 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]Speak unto the children of Israel, saying:

If any one shall sin through error, in any of the things which the Lord hath commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them: [3]if the anointed priest shall sin so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the Lord for a sin-offering. [4]And he shall bring

the bullock unto the door of the tent of
meeting before the Lord; and he shall
lay his hand upon the head of the
bullock, and kill the bullock before the
Lord. 5 And the anointed priest shall
take of the blood of the bullock, and
bring it to the tent of meeting. 6 And
the priest shall dip his finger in the
blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven
times before the Lord, in front of the
veil of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest
shall put of the blood upon the horns
of the altar of sweet incense before the
Lord, which is in the tent of meeting;
and all the remaining blood of the
bullock shall he pour out at the base of
the altar of burnt-offering, which is at
the door of the tent of meeting. 8 And
all the fat of the bullock of the sin-
offering he shall take off from it; the
fat that covereth the inwards, and all
the fat that is upon the inwards, 9 and
the two kidneys, and the fat that is
upon them, which is by the loins, and
the lobe above the liver, which he shall
take away by kidneys, 10 as it is taken
off from the ox of the sacrifice of
peace-offerings; and the priest shall
make them smoke upon the altar of
burnt-offering. 11 But the skin of the
bullock, and all its flesh, with its head,
and with its legs, and its inwards, and
its dung, 12 even the whole bullock
shall he carry forth without the camp
unto a clean place, where the ashes are
poured out, and burn it on wood with
fire; where the ashes are poured out
shall it be burnt.

13 And if the whole congregation of
Israel shall err, the thing being hid
from the eyes of the assembly, and do
any of the things which the Lord hath
commanded not to be done, and are
guilty: 14 when the sin wherein they
have sinned is known, then the
assembly shall offer a young bullock
for a sin-offering, and bring it before
the tent of meeting. 15 And the elders of
the congregation shall lay their hands
upon the head of the bullock before the
Lord; and the bullock shall be killed
before the Lord. 16 And the anointed
priest shall bring of the blood of the
bullock to the tent of meeting. 17 And
the priest shall dip his finger in the
blood, and sprinkle it seven times
before the Lord, in front of the veil.
18 And he shall put of the blood upon
the horns of the altar which is before
the Lord, that is in the tent of meeting,
and all the remaining blood shall he
pour out at the base of the altar of
burnt-offering, which is at the door of
the tent of meeting. 19 And all the fat
thereof shall he take off from it, and
make it smoke upon the altar. 20 Thus
shall he do with the bullock; as he did
with the bullock of the sin-offering, so
shall he do with this; and the priest
shall make atonement for them, and
they shall be forgiven. 21 And he shall
carry forth the bullock without the
camp, and burn it as he burned the first
bullock; it is the sin-offering for the
assembly.

22 When a ruler sinneth, and doeth
through error any one of all the things

which the LORD his God hath
commanded not to be done, and is
guilty: [23]if his sin, wherein he hath
sinned, be known to him, he shall
bring for his offering a goat, a male
without blemish. [24]And he shall lay his
hand upon the head of the goat, and
kill it in the place where they kill the
burnt-offering before the LORD; it is a
sin-offering. [25]And the priest shall take
of the blood of the sin-offering with
his finger, and put it upon the horns of
the altar of burnt-offering, and the
remaining blood thereof shall he pour
out at the base of the altar of burnt-
offering. [26]And all the fat thereof shall
he make smoke upon the altar, as the
fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings;
and the priest shall make atonement
for him as concerning his sin, and he
shall be forgiven.

[27]And if any one of the common
people sin through error, in doing any
of the things which the LORD hath
commanded not to be done, and be
guilty: [28]if his sin, which he hath
sinned, be known to him, then he shall
bring for his offering a goat, a female
without blemish, for his sin which he
hath sinned. [29]And he shall lay his
hand upon the head of the sin-offering,
and kill the sin-offering in the place of
burnt-offering. [30]And the priest shall
take of the blood thereof with his
finger, and put it upon the horns of the
altar of burnt-offering, and all the
remaining blood thereof shall he pour
out at the base of the altar. [31]And all
the fat thereof shall he take away, as
the fat is taken away from off the
sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the
priest shall make it smoke upon the
altar for a sweet savour unto the LORD;
and the priest shall make atonement
for him, and he shall be forgiven.

[32]And if he bring a lamb as his
offering for a sin-offering, he shall
bring it a female without blemish.
[33]And he shall lay his hand upon the
head of the sin-offering, and kill it for
a sin-offering in the place where they
kill the burnt-offering. [34]And the priest
shall take of the blood of the sin-
offering with his finger, and put it
upon the horns of the altar of burnt-
offering, and all the remaining blood
thereof shall he pour out at the base of
the altar. [35]And all the fat thereof shall
he take away, as the fat of the lamb is
taken away from the sacrifice of
peace-offerings; and the priest shall
make them smoke on the altar, upon
the offerings of the LORD made by fire;
and the priest shall make atonement
for him as touching his sin that he hath
sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

5 And if any one sin, in that he
heareth the voice of adjuration, he
being a witness, whether he hath seen
or known, if he do not utter it, then he
shall bear his iniquity; [2]or if any one
touch any unclean thing, whether it be
the carcass of an unclean beast, or the
carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass
of unclean swarming things, and be
guilty, it being hidden from him that
he is unclean; [3]or if he touch the
uncleanness of man, whatsoever his

uncleanness be wherewith he is unclean, and it be hid from him; and, when he knoweth of it, be guilty; [4]or if any one swear clearly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall utter clearly with an oath, and it be hid from him; and, when he knoweth of it, be guilty in one of these things; [5]and it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that wherein he hath sinned; [6]and he shall bring his forfeit unto the Lord for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin. [7]And if his means suffice not for a lamb, then he shall bring his forfeit for that wherein he hath sinned, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto the Lord: one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering. [8]And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and pinch off its head close by its neck, but shall not divide it asunder. [9]And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it is a sin-offering. [10]And he shall prepare the second for a burnt-offering, according to the ordinance; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin which he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

[11]But if his means suffice not for two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he shall bring his offering for that wherein he hath sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin-offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon; for it is a sin-offering. [12]And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as the memorial-part thereof, and make it smoke on the altar, upon the offerings of the Lord made by fire; it is a sin-offering. [13]And the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven; and the remnant shall be the priest's, as the meal-offering.

[14]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [15]If any one commit a trespass, and sin through error, in the holy things of the Lord, then he shall bring his forfeit unto the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy valuation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt-offering. [16]And he shall make restitution for that which he hath done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt-offering, and he shall be forgiven.

[17]And if any one sin, and do any of the things which the Lord hath commanded not to be done, though he know it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. [18]And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock,

according to thy valuation, for a guilt-offering, unto the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning the error which he committed, though he knew it not, and he shall be forgiven. 19 It is a guilt-offering—he is certainly guilty before the Lord.

20 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 21 If any one sin, and commit a trespass against the Lord, and deal falsely with his neighbour in a matter of deposit, or of pledge, or of robbery, or have oppressed his neighbour; 22 or have found that which was lost, and deal falsely therein, and swear to a lie; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein; 23 then it shall be, if he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took by robbery, or the thing which he hath gotten by oppression, or the deposit which was deposited with him, or the lost thing which he found, 24 or any thing about which he hath sworn falsely, he shall even restore it in full, and shall add the fifth part more thereto; unto him to whom it appertaineth shall he give it, in the day of his being guilty. 25 And he shall bring his forfeit unto the Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy valuation, for a guilt-offering, unto the priest. 26 And the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven, concerning whatsoever he doeth so as to be guilty thereby.

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6 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 2 Command Aaron and his sons, saying:

This is the law of the burnt-offering: it is that which goeth up on its firewood upon the altar all night unto the morning; and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning thereby. 3 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes whereto the fire hath consumed the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 4 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. 5 And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning thereby, it shall not go out; and the priest shall kindle wood on it every morning; and he shall lay the burnt-offering in order upon it, and shall make smoke thereon the fat of the peace-offerings. 6 Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out.

7 And this is the law of the meal-offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the Lord, in front of the altar. 8 And he shall take up therefrom his handful, of the fine flour of the meal-offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal-offering, and shall make the memorial-part thereof smoke upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the Lord. 9 And that which is left thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat; it shall be eaten without leaven in a holy place; in

the court of the tent of meeting they shall eat it. [10]It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin-offering, and as the guilt-offering. [11]Every male among the children of Aaron may eat of it, as a due for ever throughout your generations, from the offerings of the LORD made by fire; whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy.

[12]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [13]This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering perpetually, half of it in the morning, and half thereof in the evening. [14]On a griddle it shall be made with oil; when it is soaked, thou shalt bring it in; in broken pieces shalt thou offer the meal-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD. [15]And the anointed priest that shall be in his stead from among his sons shall offer it, it is a due for ever; it shall be wholly made to smoke unto the LORD. [16]And every meal-offering of the priest shall be wholly made to smoke; it shall not be eaten.

[17]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [18]Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying:

This is the law of the sin-offering: in the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before the LORD; it is most holy. [19]The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it; in a holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting. [20]Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy; and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in a holy place. [21]But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken; and if it be sodden in a brazen vessel, it shall be scoured, and rinsed in water. [22]Every male among the priests may eat thereof; it is most holy. [23]And no sin-offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire.

7 And this is the law of the guilt-offering: it is most holy. [2]In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the guilt-offering: and the blood thereof shall be dashed against the altar round about. [3]And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof: the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the inwards, [4]and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the lobe above the liver, which he shall take away by the kidneys. [5]And the priest shall make them smoke upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the LORD; it is a guilt-offering. [6]Every male among the priests may eat thereof; it shall be eaten in a holy place; it is most holy. [7]As is the sin-offering, so is the guilt-offering; there is one law for them; the priest that maketh atonement therewith, he shall

have it. [8]And the priest that offereth
any man's burnt-offering, even the
priest shall have to himself the skin of
the burnt-offering which he hath
offered. [9]And every meal-offering that
is baked in the oven, and all that is
dressed in the stewing-pan, and on the
griddle, shall be the priest's that
offereth it. [10]And every meal-offering,
mingled with oil, or dry, shall all the
sons of Aaron have, one as well as
another.

[11]And this is the law of the sacrifice
of peace-offerings, which one may
offer unto the LORD. [12]If he offer it for
a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with
the sacrifice of thanksgiving
unleavened cakes mingled with oil,
and unleavened wafers spread with oil,
and cakes mingled with oil, of fine
flour soaked. [13]With cakes of leavened
bread he shall present his offering with
the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for
thanksgiving. [14]And of it he shall
present one out of each offering for a
gift unto the LORD; it shall be the
priest's that dasheth the blood of the
peace-offerings against the altar. [15]And
the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-
offerings for thanksgiving shall be
eaten on the day of his offering; he
shall not leave any of it until the
morning. [16]But if the sacrifice of his
offering be a vow, or a freewill-
offering, it shall be eaten on the day
that he offereth his sacrifice; and on
the morrow that which remaineth of it
may be eaten. [17]But that which
remaineth of the flesh of the sacrifice
on the third day shall be burnt with
fire. [18]And if any of the flesh of the
sacrifice of his peace-offerings be at
all eaten on the third day, it shall not
be accepted, neither shall it be imputed
unto him that offereth it; it shall be an
abhorred thing, and the soul that eateth
of it shall bear his iniquity. [19]And the
flesh that toucheth any unclean thing
shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt
with fire. And as for the flesh, every
one that is clean may eat thereof. [20]But
the soul that eateth of the flesh of the
sacrifice of peace-offerings, that
pertain unto the LORD, having his
uncleanness upon him, that soul shall
be cut off from his people. [21]And when
any one shall touch any unclean thing,
whether it be the uncleanness of man,
or an unclean beast, or any unclean
detestable thing, and eat of the flesh of
the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which
pertain unto the LORD, that soul shall
be cut off from his people.

[22]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying: [23]Speak unto the children of
Israel, saying:

Ye shall eat no fat, of ox, or sheep,
or goat. [24]And the fat of that which
dieth of itself, and the fat of that which
is torn of beasts, may be used for any
other service; but ye shall in no wise
eat of it. [25]For whosoever eateth the fat
of the beast, of which men present an
offering made by fire unto the LORD,
even the soul that eateth it shall be cut
off from his people. [26]And ye shall eat
no manner of blood, whether it be of
fowl or of beast, in any of your

dwellings. 27Whosoever it be that eateth any blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: 29Speak unto the children of Israel, saying:

He that offereth his sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD shall bring his offering unto the LORD out of his sacrifice of peace-offerings. 30His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire: the fat with the breast shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before the LORD. 31And the priest shall make the fat smoke upon the altar; but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. 32And the right thigh shall ye give unto the priest for a heave-offering out of your sacrifices of peace-offerings. 33He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right thigh for a portion. 34For the breast of waving and the thigh of heaving have I taken of the children of Israel out of their sacrifices of peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons as a due for ever from the children of Israel.

35This is the consecrated portion of Aaron, and the consecrated portion of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when they were presented to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office; 36which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that they were anointed. It is a due for ever throughout their generations.

37This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meal-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the guilt-offering, and of the consecration-offering, and of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; 38which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to present their offerings unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

8 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: 2'Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bullock of the sin-offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; 3and assemble thou all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting.' 4And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the tent of meeting. 5And Moses said unto the congregation: 'This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded to be done.' 6And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. 7And he put upon him the tunic, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. 8And he placed the breastplate upon him; and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim. 9And he set the mitre

upon his head; and upon the mitre, in front, did he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses. [10]And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. [11]And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, and the laver and its base, to sanctify them. [12]And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron’s head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. [13]And Moses brought Aaron’s sons, and clothed them with tunics, and girded them with girdles, and bound head-tires upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses. [14]And the bullock of the sin-offering was brought; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock of the sin-offering. [15]And when it was slain, Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured out the remaining blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement for it. [16]And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses made it smoke upon the altar. [17]But the bullock, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, were burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses. [18]And the ram of the burnt-offering was presented; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. [19]And when it was killed, Moses dashed the blood against the altar round about. [20]And when the ram was cut into its pieces, Moses made the head, and the pieces, and the suet smoke. [21]And when the inwards and the legs were washed with water, Moses made the whole ram smoke upon the altar; it was a burnt-offering for a sweet savour; it was an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. [22]And the other ram was presented, the ram of consecration, and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. [23]And when it was slain, Moses took of the blood thereof, and put it upon the tip of Aaron’s right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. [24]And Aaron’s sons were brought, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot; and Moses dashed the blood against the altar round about. [25]And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the lobe of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right thigh. [26]And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat, and upon the right thigh. [27]And he put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and waved them for a wave-offering before the LORD. [28]And Moses took them from off

their hands, and made them smoke on
the altar upon the burnt-offering; they
were a consecration-offering for a
sweet savour; it was an offering made
by fire unto the LORD. 29 And Moses
took the breast, and waved it for a
wave-offering before the LORD; it was
Moses'portion of the ram of
consecration; as the LORD commanded
Moses. 30 And Moses took of the
anointing oil, and of the blood which
was upon the altar, and sprinkled it
upon Aaron, and upon his garments,
and upon his sons, and upon his
sons'garments with him, and sanctified
Aaron, and his garments, and his sons,
and his sons'garments with him. 31 And
Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons:
'Boil the flesh at the door of the tent of
meeting; and there eat it and the bread
that is in the basket of consecration, as
I commanded, saying: Aaron and his
sons shall eat it. 32 And that which
remaineth of the flesh and of the bread
shall ye burn with fire. 33 And ye shall
not go out from the door of the tent of
meeting seven days, until the days of
your consecration be fulfilled; for He
shall consecrate you seven days. 34 As
hath been done this day, so the LORD
hath commanded to do, to make
atonement for you. 35 And at the door
of the tent of meeting shall ye abide
day and night seven days, and keep the
charge of the LORD, that ye die not; for
so I am commanded. 36 And Aaron and
his sons did all the things which the
LORD commanded by the hand of
Moses.

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9 And it came to pass on the eighth
day, that Moses called Aaron and
his sons, and the elders of Israel; 2 and
he said unto Aaron: 'Take thee a bull-
calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a
burnt-offering, without blemish, and
offer them before the LORD. 3 And unto
the children of Israel thou shalt speak,
saying: Take ye a he-goat for a sin-
offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of
the first year, without blemish, for a
burnt-offering; 4 and an ox and a ram
for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before
the LORD; and a meal-offering mingled
with oil; for to-day the LORD appeareth
unto you.' 5 And they brought that
which Moses commanded before the
tent of meeting; and all the
congregation drew near and stood
before the LORD. 6 And Moses said:
'This is the thing which the LORD
commanded that ye should do; that the
glory of the LORD may appear unto
you.' 7 And Moses said unto Aaron:
'Draw near unto the altar, and offer
thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-
offering, and make atonement for
thyself, and for the people; and present
the offering of the people, and make
atonement for them; as the LORD
commanded.' 8 So Aaron drew near
unto the altar, and slew the calf of the
sin-offering, which was for himself.
9 And the sons of Aaron presented the
blood unto him; and he dipped his
finger in the blood, and put it upon the

horns of the altar, and poured out the
blood at the base of the altar. 10But the
fat, and the kidneys, and the lobe of
the liver of the sin-offering, he made
smoke upon the altar; as the LORD
commanded Moses. 11And the flesh
and the skin were burnt with fire
without the camp. 12And he slew the
burnt-offering; and Aaron's sons
delivered unto him the blood, and he
dashed it against the altar round about.
13And they delivered the burnt-offering
unto him, piece by piece, and the head;
and he made them smoke upon the
altar. 14And he washed the inwards and
the legs, and made them smoke upon
the burnt-offering on the altar. 15And
the people's offering was presented;
and he took the goat of the sin-offering
which was for the people, and slew it,
and offered it for sin, as the first.
16And the burnt-offering was
presented; and he offered it according
to the ordinance. 17And the meal-
offering was presented; and he filled
his hand therefrom, and made it smoke
upon the altar, besides the burnt-
offering of the morning. 18He slew also
the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of
peace-offerings, which was for the
people; and Aaron's sons delivered
unto him the blood, and he dashed it
against the altar round about, 19and the
fat of the ox, and of the ram, the fat
tail, and that which covereth the
inwards, and the kidneys, and the lobe
of the liver. 20And they put the fat
upon the breasts, and he made the fat
smoke upon the altar. 21And the
breasts and the right thigh Aaron
waved for a wave-offering before the
LORD; as Moses commanded. 22And
Aaron lifted up his hands toward the
people, and blessed them; and he came
down from offering the sin-offering,
and the burnt-offering, and the peace-
offerings. 23And Moses and Aaron
went into the tent of meeting, and
came out, and blessed the people; and
the glory of the LORD appeared unto all
the people. 24And there came forth fire
from before the LORD, and consumed
upon the altar the burnt-offering and
the fat; and when all the people saw it,
they shouted, and fell on their faces.

10 And Nadab and Abihu, the
sons of Aaron, took each of
them his censer, and put fire therein,
and laid incense thereon, and offered
strange fire before the LORD, which He
had not commanded them. 2And there
came forth fire from before the LORD,
and devoured them, and they died
before the LORD. 3Then Moses said
unto Aaron: 'This is it that the LORD
spoke, saying: Through them that are
nigh unto Me I will be sanctified, and
before all the people I will be
glorified.' And Aaron held his peace.
4And Moses called Mishael and
Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle
of Aaron, and said unto them: 'Draw
near, carry your brethren from before
the sanctuary out of the camp.' 5So
they drew near, and carried them in
their tunics out of the camp, as Moses
had said. 6And Moses said unto Aaron,
and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his

sons: ‘Let not the hair of your heads
go loose, neither tend your clothes,
that ye die not, and that He be not
wroth with all the congregation; but let
your brethren, the whole house of
Israel, bewail the burning which the
Lord hath kindled. [7]And ye shall not
go out from the door of the tent of
meeting, lest ye die; for the anointing
oil of the Lord is upon you.’ And they
did according to the word of Moses.

[8]And the Lord spoke unto Aaron,
saying: [9]’Drink no wine nor strong
drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee,
when ye go into the tent of meeting,
that ye die not; it shall be a statute
forever throughout your generations.
[10]And that ye may put difference
between the holy and the common, and
between the unclean and the clean;
[11]and that ye may teach the children of
Israel all the statutes which the Lord
hath spoken unto them by the hand of
Moses.’

[12]And Moses spoke unto Aaron, and
unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his
sons that were left: ‘Take the meal-
offering that remaineth of the offerings
of the Lord made by fire, and eat it
without leaven beside the altar; for it is
most holy. [13]And ye shall eat it in a
holy place, because it is thy due, and
thy sons’due, of the offerings of the
Lord made by fire; for so I am
commanded. [14]And the breast of
waving and the thigh of heaving shall
ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy
sons, and thy daughters with thee; for
they are given as thy due, and thy
sons’due, out of the sacrifices of the
peace-offerings of the children of
Israel. [15]The thigh of heaving and the
breast of waving shall they bring with
the offerings of the fat made by fire, to
wave it for a wave-offering before the
Lord; and it shall be thine, and thy
sons’with thee, as a due for ever; as
the Lord hath commanded.’

[16]And Moses diligently inquired for
the goat of the sin-offering, and,
behold, it was burnt; and he was angry
with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the
sons of Aaron that were left, saying:
[17]’Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-
offering in the place of the sanctuary,
seeing it is most holy, and He hath
given it you to bear the iniquity of the
congregation, to make atonement for
them before the Lord? [18]Behold, the
blood of it was not brought into the
sanctuary within; ye should certainly
have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I
commanded.’ [19]And Aaron spoke unto
Moses: ‘Behold, this day have they
offered their sin-offering and their
burnt-offering before the Lord, and
there have befallen me such things as
these; and if I had eaten the sin-
offering to-day, would it have been
well-pleasing in the sight of the Lord?
[20]And when Moses heard that, it was
well-pleasing in his sight.

11 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses and to Aaron, saying
unto them: [2]Speak unto the children of
Israel, saying:

These are the living things which ye
may eat among all the beasts that are
on the earth. [3]Whatsoever parteth the
hoof, and is wholly cloven-footed, and
cheweth the cud, among the beasts,
that may ye eat. [4]Nevertheless these
shall ye not eat of them that only chew
the cud, or of them that only part the
hoof: the camel, because he cheweth
the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is
unclean unto you. [5]And the rock-
badger, because he cheweth the cud
but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean
unto you. [6]And the hare, because she
cheweth the cud but parteth not the
hoof, she is unclean unto you [7]And the
swine, because he parteth the hoof,
and is cloven-footed, but cheweth not
the cud, he is unclean unto you. [8]Of
their flesh ye shall not eat, and their
carcasses ye shall not touch; they are
unclean unto you.

[9]These may ye eat of all that are in
the waters: whatsoever hath fins and
scales in the waters, in the seas, and in
the rivers, them may ye eat. [10]And all
that have not fins and scales in the
seas, and in the rivers, of all that
swarm in the waters, and of all the
living creatures that are in the waters,
they are a detestable thing unto you,
[11]and they shall be a detestable thing
unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh,
and their carcasses ye shall have in
detestation. [12]Whatsoever hath no fins
nor scales in the waters, that is a
detestable thing unto you.

[13]And these ye shall have in
detestation among the fowls; they shall
not be eaten, they are a detestable
thing: the great vulture, and the
bearded vulture, and the ospray; [14]and
the kite, and the falcon after its kinds;
[15]every raven after its kinds; [16]and the
ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the
sea-mew, and the hawk after its kinds;
[17]and the little owl, and the cormorant,
and the great owl; [18]and the horned
owl, and the pelican, and the carrion-
vulture; [19]and the stork, and the heron
after its kinds, and the hoopoe, and the
bat.

[20]All winged swarming things that
go upon all fours are a detestable thing
unto you. [21]Yet these may ye eat of all
winged swarming things that go upon
all fours, which have jointed legs
above their feet, wherewith to leap
upon the earth; [22]even these of them ye
may eat: the locust after its kinds, and
the bald locust after its kinds, and the
cricket after its kinds, and the
grasshopper after its kinds. [23]But all
winged swarming things, which have
four feet, are a detestable thing unto
you.

[24]And by these ye shall become
unclean; whosoever toucheth the
carcass of them shall be unclean until
even. [25]And whosoever beareth aught
of the carcass of them shall wash his
clothes, and be unclean until the even.
[26]Every beast which parteth the hoof,
but is not cloven footed, nor cheweth
the cud, is unclean unto you; every one
that to toucheth them shall be unclean.
[27]And whatsoever goeth upon its paws,
among all beasts that go on all fours,

they are unclean unto you; whoso
toucheth their carcass shall be unclean
until the even. [28]And he that beareth
the carcass of them shall wash his
clothes, and be unclean until the even;
they are unclean unto you.

[29]And these are they which are
unclean unto you among the swarming
things that swarm upon the earth: the
weasel, and the mouse, and the great
lizard after its kinds, [30]and the gecko,
and the land-crocodile, and the lizard,
and the sand-lizard, and the
chameleon. [31]These are they which are
unclean to you among all that swarm;
whosoever doth touch them, when
they are dead, shall be unclean until
the even. [32]And upon whatsoever any
of them, when they are dead, doth fall,
it shall be unclean; whether it be any
vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or
sack, whatsoever vessel it be,
wherewith any work is done, it must
be put into water, and it shall be
unclean until the even; then shall it be
clean. [33]And every earthen vessel
whereinto any of them falleth,
whatsoever is in it shall be unclean,
and it ye shall break. [34]All food therein
which may be eaten, that on which
water cometh, shall be unclean; and all
drink in every such vessel that may be
drunk shall be unclean. [35]And every
thing whereupon any part of their
carcass falleth shall be unclean;
whether oven, or range for pots, it
shall be broken in pieces; they are
unclean, and shall be unclean unto
you. [36]Nevertheless a fountain or a
cistern wherein is a gathering of water
shall be clean; but he who toucheth
their carcass shall be unclean. [37]And if
aught of their carcass fall upon any
sowing seed which is to be sown, it is
clean. [38]But if water be put upon the
seed, and aught of their carcass fall
thereon, it is unclean unto you.

[39]And if any beast, of which ye may
eat, die, he that toucheth the carcass
thereof shall be unclean until the even.
[40]And he that eateth of the carcass of it
shall wash his clothes, and be unclean
until the even; he also that beareth the
carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and
be unclean until the even.

[41]And every swarming thing that
swarmeth upon the earth is a
detestable thing; it shall not be eaten.
[42]Whatsoever goeth upon the belly,
and whatsoever goeth upon all fours,
or whatsoever hath many feet, even all
swarming things that swarm upon the
earth, them ye shall not eat; for they
are a detestable thing. [43]Ye shall not
make yourselves detestable with any
swarming thing that swarmeth, neither
shall ye make yourselves unclean with
them, that ye should be defiled
thereby. [44]For I am the Lord your God;
sanctify yourselves therefore, and be
ye holy; for I am holy; neither shall ye
defile yourselves with any manner of
swarming thing that moveth upon the
earth. [45]For I am the Lord that brought
you up out of the land of Egypt, to be
your God; ye shall therefore be holy,
for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beast, and of
the fowl, and of every living creature
that moveth in the waters, and of every
creature that swarmeth upon the earth;
47 to make a difference between the
unclean and the clean, and between the
living thing that may be eaten and the
living thing that may not be eaten.

### תזריע

12 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2 Speak unto
the children of Israel, saying:
If a woman be delivered, and bear a
man-child, then she shall be unclean
seven days; as in the days of the
impurity of her sickness shall she be
unclean. 3 And in the eighth day the
flesh of his foreskin shall be
circumcised. 4 And she shall continue
in the blood of purification three and
thirty days; she shall touch no
hallowed thing, nor come into the
sanctuary, until the days of her
purification be fulfilled. 5 But if she
bear a maid-child, then she shall be
unclean two weeks, as in her impurity;
and she shall continue in the blood of
purification threescore and six days.
6 And when the days of her purification
are fulfilled, for a son, or for a
daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the
first year for a burnt-offering, and a
young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a
sin-offering, unto the door of the tent
of meeting, unto the priest. 7 And he
shall offer it before the Lord, and
make atonement for her; and she shall
be cleansed from the fountain of her
blood. This is the law for her that
beareth, whether a male or a female.
8 And if her means suffice not for a
lamb, then she shall take two turtle-
doves, or two young pigeons: the one
for a burnt-offering, and the other for a
sin-offering; and the priest shall make
atonement for her, and she shall be
clean.

13 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses and unto Aaron,
saying:
2 When a man shall have in the skin
of his flesh a rising, or a scab, or a
bright spot, and it become in the skin
of his flesh the plague of leprosy, then
he shall be brought unto Aaron the
priest, or unto one of his sons the
priests. 3 And the priest shall look upon
the plague in the skin of the flesh; and
if the hair in the plague be turned
white, and the appearance of the
plague be deeper than the skin of his
flesh, it is the plague of leprosy; and
the priest shall look on him, and
pronounce him unclean. 4 And if the
bright spot be white in the skin of his
flesh, and the appearance thereof be
not deeper than the skin, and the hair
thereof be not turned white, then the
priest shall shut up him that hath the
plague seven days. 5 And the priest
shall look on him the seventh day; and,
behold, if the plague stay in its
appearance, and the plague be not
spread in the skin, then the priest shall
shut him up seven days more. 6 And the
priest shall look on him again the
seventh day; and, behold, if the plague

be dim, and the plague be not spread in
the skin, then the priest shall
pronounce him clean: it is a scab; and
he shall wash his clothes, and be clean.
[7]But if the scab spread abroad in the
skin, after that he hath shown himself
to the priest for his cleansing, he shall
show himself to the priest again. [8]And
the priest shall look, and, behold, if the
scab be spread in the skin, then the
priest shall pronounce him unclean: it
is leprosy.

[9]When the plague of leprosy is in a
man, then he shall be brought unto the
priest. [10]And the priest shall look, and,
behold, if there be a white rising in the
skin, and it have turned the hair white,
and there be quick raw flesh in the
rising, [11]it is an old leprosy in the skin
of his flesh, and the priest shall
pronounce him unclean; he shall not
shut him up; for he is unclean. [12]And if
the leprosy break out abroad in the
skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin
of him that hath the plague from his
head even to his feet, as far as
appeareth to the priest; [13]then the priest
shall look; and, behold, if the leprosy
have covered all his flesh, he shall
pronounce him clean that hath the
plague; it is all turned white: he is
clean. [14]But whensoever raw flesh
appeareth in him, he shall be unclean.
[15]And the priest shall look on the raw
flesh, and pronounce him unclean; the
raw flesh is unclean: it is leprosy.
[16]But if the raw flesh again be turned
into white, then he shall come unto the
priest; [17]and the priest shall look on
him; and, behold, if the plague be
turned into white, then the priest shall
pronounce him clean that hath the
plague: he is clean.

[18]And when the flesh hath in the
skin thereof a boil, and it is healed,
[19]and in the place of the boil there is a
white rising, or a bright spot, reddish-
white, then it shall be shown to the
priest. [20]And the priest shall look; and,
behold, if the appearance thereof be
lower than the skin, and the hair
thereof be turned white, then the priest
shall pronounce him unclean: it is the
plague of leprosy, it hath broken out in
the boil. [21]But if the priest look on it,
and, behold, there be no white hairs
therein, and it be not lower than the
skin, but be dim, then the priest shall
shut him up seven days. [22]And if it
spread abroad in the skin, then the
priest shall pronounce him unclean: it
is a plague. [23]But if the bright spot stay
in its place, and be not spread, it is the
scar of the boil; and the priest shall
pronounce him clean.

[24]Or when the flesh hath in the skin
thereof a burning by fire, and the quick
flesh of the burning become a bright
spot, reddish-white, or white; [25]then
the priest shall look upon it; and,
behold, if the hair in the bright spot be
turned white, and the appearance
thereof be deeper than the skin, it is
leprosy, it hath broken out in the
burning; and the priest shall pronounce
him unclean: it is the plague of
leprosy. [26]But if the priest look on it,
and, behold, there be no white hair in

the bright spot, and it be no lower than the skin, but be dim; then the priest shall shut him up seven days. [27]And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day; if it spread abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy. [28]And if the bright spot stay in its place, and be not spread in the skin, but be dim, it is the rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for it is the scar of the burning.

[29]And when a man or woman hath a plague upon the head or upon the beard, [30]then the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the appearance thereof be deeper than the skin, and there be in it yellow thin hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a scall, it is leprosy of the head or of the beard. [31]And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin, and there be no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague of the scall seven days. [32]And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the scall be not spread, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the appearance of the scall be not deeper than the skin, [33]then he shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall seven days more. [34]And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall; and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, and the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. [35]But if the scall spread abroad in the skin after his cleansing, [36]then the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the yellow hair: he is unclean. [37]But if the scall stay in its appearance, and black hair be grown up therein; the scall is healed, he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

[38]And if a man or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, even white bright spots; [39]then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh be of a dull white, it is a tetter, it hath broken out in the skin: he is clean.

[40]And if a man's hair be fallen off his head, he is bald; yet is he clean. [41]And if his hair be fallen off from the front part of his head, he is forehead-bald; yet is he clean. [42]But if there be in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague, it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead. [43]Then the priest shall look upon him; and, behold, if the rising of the plague be reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the flesh, [44]he is a leprous man, he is unclean; the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean: his plague is in his head.

[45]And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and the hair of his head shall go loose, and he shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry: ‘Unclean, unclean.’ [46]All the days wherein the plague is in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean; he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his dwelling be.

[47]And when the plague of leprosy is in a garment, whether it be a woolen garment, or a linen garment; [48]or in the warp, or in the woof, whether they be of linen, or of wool; or in a skin, or in any thing made of skin. [49]If the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be shown unto the priest. [50]And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up that which hath the plague seven days. [51]And he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever service skin is used for, the plague is a malignant leprosy: it is unclean. [52]And he shall burn the garment, or the warp, or the woof, whether it be of wool or of linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is; for it is a malignant leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire. [53]And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; [54]then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more. [55]And the priest shall look, after that the plague is washed; and, behold, if the plague have not changed its colour, and the plague be not spread, it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it is a fret, whether the bareness be within or without. [56]And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague be dim after the washing thereof, then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof. [57]And if it appear still in the garment, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, it is breaking out, thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire. [58]And the garment, or the warp, or the woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean. [59]This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

## מצרע

14 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying:

[2]This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: he shall be brought unto the priest. [3]And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper; [4]then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed

two living clean birds, and cedar-
wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. 5And
the priest shall command to kill one of
the birds in an earthen vessel over
running water. 6As for the living bird,
he shall take it, and the cedar-wood,
and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and
shall dip them and the living bird in
the blood of the bird that was killed
over the running water. 7And he shall
sprinkle upon him that is to be
cleansed from the leprosy seven times,
and shall pronounce him clean, and
shall let go the living bird into the
open field. 8And he that is to be
cleansed shall wash his clothes, and
shave off all his hair, and bathe
himself in water, and he shall be clean;
and after that he may come into the
camp, but shall dwell outside his tent
seven days. 9And it shall be on the
seventh day, that he shall shave all his
hair off his head and his beard and his
eyebrows, even all his hair he shall
shave off; and he shall wash his
clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in
water, and he shall be clean. 10And on
the eighth day he shall take two he-
lambs without blemish, and one ewe-
lamb of the first year without blemish,
and three tenth parts of an ephah of
fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled
with oil, and one log of oil. 11And the
priest that cleanseth him shall set the
man that is to be cleansed, and those
things, before the Lord, at the door of
the tent of meeting. 12And the priest
shall take one of the he-lambs, and
offer him for a guilt-offering, and the
log of oil, and wave them for a wave-
offering before the Lord. 13And he
shall kill the he-lamb in the place
where they kill the sin-offering and the
burnt-offering, in the place of the
sanctuary; for as the sin-offering is the
priest's, so is the guilt-offering; it is
most holy. 14And the priest shall take
of the blood of the guilt-offering, and
the priest shall put it upon the tip of
the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot. 15And the priest shall
take of the log of oil, and pour it into
the palm of his own left hand. 16And
the priest shall dip his right finger in
the oil that is in his left hand, and shall
sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven
times before the Lord. 17And of the
rest of the oil that is in his hand shall
the priest put upon the tip of the right
ear of him that is to be cleansed, and
upon the thumb of his right hand, and
upon the great toe of his right foot,
upon the blood of the guilt-offering.
18And the rest of the oil that is in the
priest's hand he shall put upon the
head of him that is to be cleansed; and
the priest shall make atonement for
him before the Lord. 19And the priest
shall offer the sin-offering, and make
atonement for him that is to be
cleansed because of his uncleanness;
and afterward he shall kill the burnt-
offering. 20And the priest shall offer
the burnt-offering and the meal-
offering upon the altar; and the priest

shall make atonement for him, and he
shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and his means
suffice not, then he shall take one he-
lamb for a guilt-offering to be waved,
to make atonement for him, and one
tenth part of an ephah of fine flour
mingled with oil for a meal-offering,
and a log of oil; 22 and two turtle-doves,
or two young pigeons, such as his
means suffice for; and the one shall be
a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-
offering. 23 And on the eighth day he
shall bring them for his cleansing unto
the priest, unto the door of the tent of
meeting, before the Lord. 24 And the
priest shall take the lamb of the guilt-
offering, and the log of oil, and the
priest shall wave them for a wave-
offering before the Lord. 25 And he
shall kill the lamb of the guilt-offering,
and the priest shall take of the blood of
the guilt-offering, and put it upon the
tip of the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot. 26 And the priest shall
pour of the oil into the palm of his own
left hand. 27 And the priest shall
sprinkle with his right finger some of
the oil that is in his left hand seven
times before the Lord. 28 And the priest
shall put of the oil that is in his hand
upon the tip of the right ear of him that
is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb
of his right hand, and upon the great
toe of his right foot, upon the place of
the blood of the guilt-offering. 29 And
the rest of the oil that is in the priest's
hand he shall put upon the head of him
that is to be cleansed, to make
atonement for him before the Lord.
30 And he shall offer one of the turtle-
doves, or of the young pigeons, such
as his means suffice for; 31 even such as
his means suffice for, the one for a sin-
offering, and the other for a burnt-
offering, with the meal-offering; and
the priest shall make atonement for
him that is to be cleansed before the
Lord. 32 This is the law of him in whom
is the plague of leprosy, whose means
suffice not for that which pertaineth to
his cleansing.

33 And the Lord spoke unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying:

34 When ye are come into the land of
Canaan, which I give to you for a
possession, and I put the plague of
leprosy in a house of the land of your
possession; 35 then he that owneth the
house shall come and tell the priest,
saying: 'There seemeth to me to be as
it were a plague in the house.' 36 And
the priest shall command that they
empty the house, before the priest go
in to see the plague, that all that is in
the house be not made unclean; and
afterward the priest shall go in to see
the house. 37 And he shall look on the
plague, and, behold, if the plague be in
the walls of the house with hollow
streaks, greenish or reddish, and the
appearance thereof be lower than the
wall; 38 then the priest shall go out of
the house to the door of the house, and
shut up the house seven days. 39 And
the priest shall come again the seventh

day, and shall look; and, behold, if the plague be spread in the walls of the house; [40]then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague is, and cast them into an unclean place without the city. [41]And he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the mortar that they scrape off without the city into an unclean place. [42]And they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house. [43]And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that the stones have been taken out, and after the house hath been scraped, and after it is plastered; [44]then the priest shall come in and look; and, behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a malignant leprosy in the house: it is unclean. [45]And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place. [46]Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even. [47]And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes. [48]And if the priest shall come in, and look, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed. [49]And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. [50]And he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. [51]And he shall take the cedar-wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times. [52]And he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar-wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet. [53]But he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open field; so shall he make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean.

[54]This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and for a scall; [55]and for the leprosy of a garment, and for a house; [56]and for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot; [57]to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean; this is the law of leprosy.

15 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying: [2]Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them:

When any man hath an issue out of his flesh, his issue is unclean. [3]And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness. [4]Every bed whereon he that hath the issue lieth shall be unclean; and every thing whereon he sitteth shall be unclean.

[5]And whosoever toucheth his bed shall
wash his clothes, and bathe himself in
water, and be unclean until the even.
[6]And he that sitteth on any thing
whereon he that hath the issue sat shall
wash his clothes, and bathe himself in
water, and be unclean until the even.
[7]And he that toucheth the flesh of him
that hath the issue shall wash his
clothes, and bathe himself in water,
and be unclean until the even. [8]And if
he that hath the issue spit upon him
that is clean, then he shall wash his
clothes, and bathe himself in water,
and be unclean until the even. [9]And
what saddle soever he that hath the
issue rideth upon shall be unclean.
[10]And whosoever toucheth any thing
that was under him shall be unclean
until the even; and he that beareth
those things shall wash his clothes, and
bathe himself in water, and be unclean
until the even. [11]And whomsoever he
that hath the issue toucheth, without
having rinsed his hands in water, he
shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean until
the even. [12]And the earthen vessel,
which he that hath the issue toucheth,
shall be broken; and every vessel of
wood shall be rinsed in water. [13]And
when he that hath an issue is cleansed
of his issue, then he shall number to
himself seven days for his cleansing,
and wash his clothes; and he shall
bathe his flesh in running water, and
shall be clean. [14]And on the eighth day
he shall take to him two turtle-doves,
or two young pigeons, and come
before the LORD unto the door of the
tent of meeting, and give them unto
the priest. [15]And the priest shall offer
them, the one for a sin-offering, and
the other for a burnt-offering; and the
priest shall make atonement for him
before the LORD for his issue.

[16]And if the flow of seed go out
from a man, then he shall bathe all his
flesh in water, and be unclean until the
even. [17]And every garment, and every
skin, whereon is the flow of seed, shall
be washed with water, and be unclean
until the even. [18]The woman also with
whom a man shall lie carnally, they
shall both bathe themselves in water,
and be unclean until the even.

[19]And if a woman have an issue, and
her issue in her flesh be blood, she
shall be in her impurity seven days;
and whosoever toucheth her shall be
unclean until the even. [20]And every
thing that she lieth upon in her
impurity shall be unclean; every thing
also that she sitteth upon shall be
unclean. [21]And whosoever toucheth
her bed shall wash his clothes, and
bathe himself in water, and be unclean
until the even. [22]And whosoever
toucheth any thing that she sitteth
upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean until
the even. [23]And if he be on the bed, or
on any thing whereon she sitteth, when
he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until
the even. [24]And if any man lie with
her, and her impurity be upon him, he
shall be unclean seven days; and every
bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of
her blood many days not in the time of
her impurity, or if she have an issue
beyond the time of her impurity; all
the days of the issue of her
uncleanness she shall be as in the days
of her impurity: she is unclean.
26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the
days of her issue shall be unto her as
the bed of her impurity; and every
thing whereon she sitteth shall be
unclean, as the uncleanness of her
impurity. 27 And whosoever toucheth
those things shall be unclean, and shall
wash his clothes, and bathe himself in
water, and be unclean until the even.
28 But if she be cleansed of her issue,
then she shall number to herself seven
days, and after that she shall be clean.
29 And on the eighth day she shall take
unto her two turtle-doves, or two
young pigeons, and bring them unto
the priest, to the door of the tent of
meeting. 30 And the priest shall offer
the one for a sin-offering, and the
other for a burnt-offering; and the
priest shall make atonement for her
before the Lord for the issue of her
uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children
of Israel from their uncleanness; that
they die not in their uncleanness, when
they defile My tabernacle that is in the
midst of them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an
issue, and of him from whom the flow
of seed goeth out, so that he is unclean
thereby; 33 and of her that is sick with
her impurity, and of them that have an
issue, whether it be a man, or a
woman; and of him that lieth with her
that is unclean.

## אחרי מות

16 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, after the death of the
two sons of Aaron, when they drew
near before the Lord, and died; 2 and
the Lord said unto Moses: ‘Speak unto
Aaron thy brother, that he come not at
all times into the holy place within the
veil, before the ark-cover which is
upon the ark; that he die not; for I
appear in the cloud upon the ark-cover.
3 Herewith shall Aaron come into the
holy place: with a young bullock for a
sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-
offering. 4 He shall put on the holy
linen tunic, and he shall have the linen
breeches upon his flesh, and shall be
girded with the linen girdle, and with
the linen mitre shall he be attired; they
are the holy garments; and he shall
bathe his flesh in water, and put them
on. 5 And he shall take of the
congregation of the children of Israel
two he-goats for a sin-offering, and
one ram for a burnt-offering. 6 And
Aaron shall present the bullock of the
sin-offering, which is for himself, and
make atonement for himself, and for
his house. 7 And he shall take the two
goats, and set them before the Lord at
the door of the tent of meeting. 8 And
Aaron shall cast lots upon the two
goats: one lot for the Lord, and the
other lot for Azazel. 9 And Aaron shall
present the goat upon which the lot fell

for the LORD, and offer him for a sin-
offering. 10But the goat, on which the
lot fell for Azazel, shall be set alive
before the LORD, to make atonement
over him, to send him away for Azazel
into the wilderness. 11And Aaron shall
present the bullock of the sin-offering,
which is for himself, and shall make
atonement for himself, and for his
house, and shall kill the bullock of the
sin-offering which is for himself.
12And he shall take a censer full of
coals of fire from off the altar before
the LORD, and his hands full of sweet
incense beaten small, and bring it
within the veil. 13And he shall put the
incense upon the fire before the LORD,
that the cloud of the incense may cover
the ark-cover that is upon the
testimony, that he die not. 14And he
shall take of the blood of the bullock,
and sprinkle it with his finger upon the
ark-cover on the east; and before the
ark-cover shall he sprinkle of the
blood with his finger seven times.
15Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-
offering, that is for the people, and
bring his blood within the veil, and do
with his blood as he did with the blood
of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the
ark-cover, and before the ark-cover.
16And he shall make atonement for the
holy place, because of the
uncleannesses of the children of Israel,
and because of their transgressions,
even all their sins; and so shall he do
for the tent of meeting, that dwelleth
with them in the midst of their
uncleannesses. 17And there shall be no
man in the tent of meeting when he
goeth in to make atonement in the holy
place, until he come out, and have
made atonement for himself, and for
his household, and for all the assembly
of Israel. 18And he shall go out unto
the altar that is before the LORD, and
make atonement for it; and shall take
of the blood of the bullock, and of the
blood of the goat, and put it upon the
horns of the altar round about. 19And
he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it
with his finger seven times, and
cleanse it, and hallow it from the
uncleannesses of the children of Israel.
20And when he hath made an end of
atoning for the holy place, and the tent
of meeting, and the altar, he shall
present the live goat. 21And Aaron
shall lay both his hands upon the head
of the live goat, and confess over him
all the iniquities of the children of
Israel, and all their transgressions,
even all their sins; and he shall put
them upon the head of the goat, and
shall send him away by the hand of an
appointed man into the wilderness.
22And the goat shall bear upon him all
their iniquities unto a land which is cut
off; and he shall let go the goat in the
wilderness. 23And Aaron shall come
into the tent of meeting, and shall put
off the linen garments, which he put
on when he went into the holy place,
and shall leave them there. 24And he
shall bathe his flesh in water in a holy
place and put on his other vestments,
and come forth, and offer his burnt-
offering and the burnt-offering of the

people, and make atonement for
himself and for the people. 25And the
fat of the sin-offering shall he make
smoke upon the altar. 26And he that
letteth go the goat for Azazel shall
wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in
water, and afterward he may come into
the camp. 27And the bullock of the sin-
offering, and the goat of the sin-
offering, whose blood was brought in
to make atonement in the holy place,
shall be carried forth without the
camp; and they shall burn in the fire
their skins, and their flesh, and their
dung. 28And he that burneth them shall
wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in
water, and afterward he may come into
the camp.
29And it shall be a statute for ever unto
you: in the seventh month, on the tenth
day of the month, ye shall afflict your
souls, and shall do no manner of work,
the home-born, or the stranger that
sojourneth among you. 30For on this
day shall atonement be made for you,
to cleanse you; from all your sins shall
ye be clean before the Lord. 31It is a
sabbath of solemn rest unto you, and
ye shall afflict your souls; it is a statute
for ever. 32And the priest, who shall be
anointed and who shall be consecrated
to be priest in his father's stead, shall
make the atonement, and shall put on
the linen garments, even the holy
garments. 33And he shall make
atonement for the most holy place, and
he shall make atonement for the tent of
meeting and for the altar; and he shall
make atonement for the priests and for
all the people of the assembly. 34And
this shall be an everlasting statute unto
you, to make atonement for the
children of Israel because of all their
sins once in the year.' And he did as
the Lord commanded Moses.

17 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2Speak unto
Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all
the children of Israel, and say unto
them: This is the thing which the Lord
hath commanded, saying:
3What man soever there be of the
house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or
lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that
killeth it without the camp, 4and hath
not brought it unto the door of the tent
of meeting, to present it as an offering
unto the Lord before the tabernacle of
the Lord, blood shall be imputed unto
that man; he hath shed blood; and that
man shall be cut off from among his
people. 5To the end that the children of
Israel may bring their sacrifices, which
they sacrifice in the open field, even
that they may bring them unto the
Lord, unto the door of the tent of
meeting, unto the priest, and sacrifice
them for sacrifices of peace-offerings
unto the Lord. 6And the priest shall
dash the blood against the altar of the
Lord at the door of the tent of meeting,
and make the fat smoke for a sweet
savour unto the Lord. 7And they shall
no more sacrifice their sacrifices unto
the satyrs, after whom they go astray.
This shall be a statute for ever unto
them throughout their generations.

[8]And thou shalt say unto them: Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice, [9]and bringeth it not unto the door of the tent of meeting, to sacrifice it unto the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from his people.

[10]And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that eateth any manner of blood, I will set My face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. [11]For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life. [12]Therefore I said unto the children of Israel: No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. [13]And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that taketh in hunting any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. [14]For as to the life of all flesh, the blood thereof is all one with the life thereof; therefore I said unto the children of Israel: Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh; for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. [15]And every soul that eateth that which dieth of itself, or that which is torn of beasts, whether he be home-born or a stranger, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even; then shall he be clean. [16]But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them:

I am the LORD your God. [3]After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do; and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their statutes. [4]Mine ordinances shall ye do, and My statutes shall ye keep, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. [5]Ye shall therefore keep My statutes, and Mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

[6]None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness. I am the LORD.

[7]The nakedness of thy father, and the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

[8]The nakedness of thy father’s wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father’s nakedness.

[9]The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, whether born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

[10]The nakedness of thy son’s
daughter, or of thy daughter’s
daughter, even their nakedness thou
shalt not uncover; for theirs is thine
own nakedness.

[11]The nakedness of thy father’s
wife’s daughter, begotten of thy father,
she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover
her nakedness.

[12]Thou shalt not uncover the
nakedness of thy father’s sister: she is
thy father’s near kinswoman.

[13]Thou shalt not uncover the
nakedness of thy mother’s sister; for
she is thy mother’s near kinswoman.

[14]Thou shalt not uncover the
nakedness of thy fathers brother, thou
shalt not approach to his wife: she is
thine aunt.

[15]Thou shalt not uncover the
nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she
is thy son’wife; thou shalt not uncover
her nakedness.

[16]Thou shalt not uncover the
nakedness of thy brother’s wife: it is
thy brother’s nakedness. [17]Thou shalt
not uncover the nakedness of a woman
and her daughter; thou shalt not take
her son’s daughter, or her daughter’s
daughter, to uncover her nakedness:
they are near kinswomen; it is
lewdness. [18]And thou shalt not take a
woman to her sister, to be a rival to
her, to uncover her nakedness, beside
the other in her lifetime. [19]And thou
shalt not approach unto a woman to
uncover her nakedness, as long as she
is impure by her uncleanness. [20]And
thou shalt not lie carnally with thy
neighbour’s wife, to defile thyself with
her. [21]And thou shalt not give any of
thy seed to set them apart to Molech,
neither shalt thou profane the name of
thy God: I am the Lord. [22]Thou shalt
not lie with mankind, as with
womankind; it is abomination. [23]And
thou shalt not lie with any beast to
defile thyself therewith; neither shall
any woman stand before a beast, to lie
down thereto; it is perversion.

[24]Defile not ye yourselves in any of
these things; for in all these the nations
are defiled, which I cast out from
before you. [25]And the land was defiled,
therefore I did visit the iniquity thereof
upon it, and the land vomited out her
inhabitants. [26]Ye therefore shall keep
My statutes and Mine ordinances, and
shall not do any of these abominations;
neither the home-born, nor the stranger
that sojourneth among you— [27]for all
these abominations have the men of
the land done, that were before you,
and the land is defiled— [28]that the land
vomit not you out also, when ye defile
it, as it vomited out the nation that was
before you. [29]For whosoever shall do
any of these abominations, even the
souls that do them shall be cut off
from among their people. [30]Therefore
shall ye keep My charge, that ye do
not any of these abominable customs,
which were done before you, and that
ye defile not yourselves therein: I am
the Lord your God.

## קדשים

19 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: [2]Speak unto all

the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them:

Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy. [3]Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and ye shall keep My sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. [4]Turn ye not unto the idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.

[5]And when ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it that ye may be accepted. [6]It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow; and if aught remain until the third day, it shall be burnt with fire. [7]And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is a vile thing; it shall not be accepted. [8]But every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the holy thing of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from his people.

[9]And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corner of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleaning of thy harvest. [10]And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God. [11]Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another. [12]And ye shall not swear by My name falsely, so that thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. [13]Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbour, nor rob him; the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. [14]Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD. [15]Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor favour the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. [16]Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; neither shalt thou stand idly by the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD. [17]Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart; thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbour, and not bear sin because of him. [18]Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD. [19]Ye shall keep My statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind; thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed; neither shall there come upon thee a garment of two kinds of stuff mingled together. [20]And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, designated for a man, and not at all redeemed, nor was freedom given her; there shall be inquisition; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. [21]And he shall bring his forfeit unto the LORD, unto the door of the tent of meeting, even a ram for a guilt-offering. [22]And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt-offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned; and

he shall be forgiven for his sin which
he hath sinned.

23 And when ye shall come into the
land, and shall have planted all manner
of trees for food, then ye shall count
the fruit thereof as forbidden; three
years shall it be as forbidden unto you;
it shall not be eaten. 24 And in the
fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be
holy, for giving praise unto the Lord.
25 But in the fifth year may ye eat of the
fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you
more richly the increase thereof: I am
the Lord your God. 26 Ye shall not eat
with the blood; neither shall ye
practise divination nor soothsaying.
27 Ye shall not round the corners of
your heads, neither shalt thou mar the
corners of thy beard. 28 Ye shall not
make any cuttings in your flesh for the
dead, nor imprint any marks upon you:
I am the Lord. 29 Profane not thy
daughter, to make her a harlot, lest the
land fall into harlotry, and the land
become full of lewdness. 30 Ye shall
keep My sabbaths, and reverence My
sanctuary: I am the Lord. 31 Turn ye
not unto the ghosts, nor unto familiar
spirits; seek them not out, to be defiled
by them: I am the Lord your God.
32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary
head, and honour the face of the old
man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am
the Lord. 33 And if a stranger sojourn
with thee in your land, ye shall not do
him wrong. 34 The stranger that
sojourneth with you shall be unto you
as the home-born among you, and thou
shalt love him as thyself; for ye were
strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the
Lord your God. 35 Ye shall do no
unrighteousness in judgment, in
meteyard, in weight, or in measure.
36 Just balances, just weights, a just
ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I
am the Lord your God, who brought
you out of the land of Egypt. 37 And ye
shall observe all My statutes, and all
Mine ordinances, and do them: I am
the Lord.

20 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2 Moreover,
thou shalt say to the children of Israel:

Whosoever he be of the children of
Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn
in Israel, that giveth of his seed unto
Molech; he shall surely be put to
death; the people of the land shall
stone him with stones. 3 I also will set
My face against that man, and will cut
him off from among his people,
because he hath given of his seed unto
Molech, to defile My sanctuary, and to
profane My holy name. 4 And if the
people of the land do at all hide their
eyes from that man, when he giveth of
his seed unto Molech, and put him not
to death; 5 then I will set My face
against that man, and against his
family, and will cut him off, and all
that go astray after him, to go astray
after Molech, from among their
people. 6 And the soul that turneth unto
the ghosts, and unto the familiar
spirits, to go astray after them, I will
even set My face against that soul, and
will cut him off from among his
people. 7 Sanctify yourselves therefore,

and be ye holy; for I am the LORD your
God. 8And keep ye My statutes, and do
them: I am the LORD who sanctify you.
9For whatsoever man there be that
curseth his father or his mother shall
surely be put to death; he hath cursed
his father or his mother; his blood shall
be upon him. 10And the man that
committeth adultery with another
man's wife, even he that committeth
adultery with his neighbour's wife,
both the adulterer and the adulteress
shall surely be put to death. 11And the
man that lieth with his father's wife—
he hath uncovered his father's
nakedness—both of them shall surely
be put to death; their blood shall be
upon them. 12And if a man lie with his
daughter-in-law, both of them shall
surely be put to death; they have
wrought corruption; their blood shall
be upon them. 13And if a man lie with
mankind, as with womankind, both of
them have committed abomination:
they shall surely be put to death; their
blood shall be upon them. 14And if a
man take with his wife also her
mother, it is wickedness: they shall be
burnt with fire, both he and they; that
there be no wickedness among you.
15And if a man lie with a beast, he
shall surely be put to death; and ye
shall slay the beast. 16And if a woman
approach unto any beast, and lie down
thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and
the beast: they shall surely be put to
death; their blood shall be upon them.
17And if a man shall take his sister, his
father's daughter, or his mother's
daughter, and see her nakedness, and
she see his nakedness: it is a shameful
thing; and they shall be cut off in the
sight of the children of their people: he
hath uncovered his sister's nakedness;
he shall bear his iniquity. 18And if a
man shall lie with a woman having her
sickness, and shall uncover her
nakedness—he hath made naked her
fountain, and she hath uncovered the
fountain of her blood—both of them
shall be cut off from among their
people. 19And thou shalt not uncover
the nakedness of thy mother's sister,
nor of thy father's sister; for he hath
made naked his near kin; they shall
bear their iniquity. 20And if a man shall
lie with his uncle's wife—he hath
uncovered his uncle's nakedness—
they shall bear their sin; they shall die
childless. 21And if a man shall take his
brother's wife, it is impurity: he hath
uncovered his brother's nakedness;
they shall be childless.

22Ye shall therefore keep all My
statutes, and all Mine ordinances, and
do them, that the land, whither I bring
you to dwell therein, vomit you not
out. 23And ye shall not walk in the
customs of the nation, which I am
casting out before you; for they did all
these things, and therefore I abhorred
them. 24But I have said unto you: 'Ye
shall inherit their land, and I will give
it unto you to possess it, a land flowing
with milk and honey.' I am the LORD
your God, who have set you apart
from the peoples. 25Ye shall therefore
separate between the clean beast and

the unclean, and between the unclean
fowl and the clean; and ye shall not
make your souls detestable by beast, or
by fowl, or by any thing wherewith the
ground teemeth, which I have set apart
for you to hold unclean. 26 And ye shall
be holy unto Me; for I the Lord am
holy, and have set you apart from the
peoples, that ye should be Mine.

27 A man also or a woman that
divineth by a ghost or a familiar spirit,
shall surely be put to death; they shall
stone them with stones; their blood
shall be upon them.

## אמר

21 And the Lord said unto
Moses: Speak unto the priests
the sons of Aaron, and say unto them:

There shall none defile himself for
the dead among his people; 2 except for
his kin, that is near unto him, for his
mother, and for his father, and for his
son, and for his daughter, and for his
brother; 3 and for his sister a virgin, that
is near unto him, that hath had no
husband, for her may he defile
himself. 4 He shall not defile himself,
being a chief man among his people,
to profane himself. 5 They shall not
make baldness upon their head, neither
shall they shave off the corners of their
beard, nor make any cuttings in their
flesh. 6 They shall be holy unto their
God, and not profane the name of their
God; for the offerings of the Lord
made by fire, the bread of their God,
they do offer; therefore they shall be
holy. 7 They shall not take a woman
that is a harlot, or profaned; neither
shall they take a woman put away
from her husband; for he is holy unto
his God. 8 Thou shalt sanctify him
therefore; for he offereth the bread of
thy God; he shall be holy unto thee;
for I the Lord, who sanctify you, am
holy. 9 And the daughter of any priest,
if she profane herself by playing the
harlot, she profaneth her father: she
shall be burnt with fire.

10 And the priest that is highest
among his brethren, upon whose head
the anointing oil is poured, and that is
consecrated to put on the garments,
shall not let the hair of his head go
loose, nor rend his clothes; 11 neither
shall he go in to any dead body, nor
defile himself for his father, or for his
mother; 12 neither shall he go out of the
sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of
his God; for the consecration of the
anointing oil of his God is upon him: I
am the Lord. 13 And he shall take a
wife in her virginity. 14 A widow, or
one divorced, or a profaned woman, or
a harlot, these shall he not take; but a
virgin of his own people shall he take
to wife. 15 And he shall not profane his
seed among his people; for I am the
Lord who sanctify him.

16 And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 17 Speak unto Aaron, saying:

Whosoever he be of thy seed
throughout their generations that hath
a blemish, let him not approach to
offer the bread of his God. 18 For
whatsoever man he be that hath a
blemish, he shall not approach: a blind

man, or a lame, or he that hath any
thing maimed, or anything too long,
19or a man that is broken-footed, or
broken-handed, 20or crook-backed, or a
dwarf, or that hath his eye overspread,
or is scabbed, or scurvy, or hath his
stones crushed; 21no man of the seed of
Aaron the priest, that hath a blemish,
shall come nigh to offer the offerings
of the LORD made by fire; he hath a
blemish; he shall not come nigh to
offer the bread of his God. 22He may
eat the bread of his God, both of the
most holy, and of the holy. 23Only he
shall not go in unto the veil, nor come
nigh unto the altar, because he hath a
blemish; that he profane not My holy
places; for I am the LORD who sanctify
them.

24So Moses spoke unto Aaron, and
to his sons, and unto all the children of
Israel.

22 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2Speak unto
Aaron and to his sons, that they
separate themselves from the holy
things of the children of Israel, which
they hallow unto Me, and that they
profane not My holy name: I am the
LORD. 3Say unto them:

Whosoever he be of all your seed
throughout your generations, that
approacheth unto the holy things,
which the children of Israel hallow
unto the LORD, having his uncleanness
upon him, that soul shall be cut off
from before Me: I am the LORD. 4What
man soever of the seed of Aaron is a
leper, or hath an issue, he shall not eat
of the holy things, until he be clean.
And whoso toucheth any one that is
unclean by the dead; or from
whomsoever the flow of seed goeth
out; 5or whosoever toucheth any
swarming thing, whereby he may be
made unclean, or a man of whom he
may take uncleanness, whatsoever
uncleanness he hath; 6the soul that
toucheth any such shall be unclean
until the even, and shall not eat of the
holy things, unless he bathe his flesh
in water. 7And when the sun is down,
he shall be clean; and afterward he
may eat of the holy things, because it
is his bread. 8That which dieth of
itself, or is torn of beasts, he shall not
eat to defile himself therewith: I am
the LORD. 9They shall therefore keep
My charge, lest they bear sin for it,
and die therein, if they profane it: I am
the LORD who sanctify them. 10There
shall no [a]common man eat of the holy
thing; a tenant of a priest, or a hired
servant, shall not eat of the holy thing.
11But if a priest buy any soul, the
purchase of his money, he may eat of
it; and such as are born in his house,
they may eat of his bread. 12And if a
priest's daughter be married unto a
common man, she shall not eat of that
which is set apart from the holy things.
13But if a priest's daughter be a widow,
or divorced, and have no child, and is
returned unto her father's house, as in
her youth, she may eat of her father's
bread; but there shall no common man

[a] That is, *one who is not a priest*.

eat thereof. [14]And if a man eat of the holy thing through error, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give unto the priest the holy thing. [15]And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they set apart unto the LORD; [16]and so cause them to bear the iniquity that bringeth guilt, when they eat their holy things; for I am the LORD who sanctify them.

[17]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [18]Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them:

Whosoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that bringeth his offering, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their free-will-offerings, which are brought unto the LORD for a burnt-offering; [19]that ye may be accepted, ye shall offer a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats. [20]But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not bring; for it shall not be acceptable for you. [21]And whosoever bringeth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD in fulfilment of a vow clearly uttered, or for a freewill-offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein. [22]Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or scabbed, or scurvy, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD. [23]Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing too long or too short, that mayest thou offer for a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. [24]That which hath its stones bruised, or crushed, or torn, or cut, ye shall not offer unto the LORD; neither shall ye do thus in your land. [25]Neither from the hand of a foreigner shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these, because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them; they shall not be accepted for you.

[26]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying:

[27]When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; but from the eighth day and thenceforth it may be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD. [28]And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and its young both in one day. [29]And when ye sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, ye shall sacrifice it that ye may be accepted. [30]On the same day it shall be eaten; ye shall leave none of it until the morning: I am the LORD. [31]And ye shall keep My commandments, and do them: I am the LORD. [32]And ye shall not profane My holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD who hallow you, [33]that brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.

23 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them:

The appointed seasons of the LORD,
which ye shall proclaim to be holy
convocations, even these are My
appointed seasons. [3]Six days shall
work be done; but on the seventh day
is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy
convocation; ye shall do no manner of
work; it is a sabbath unto the LORD in
all your dwellings.

[4]These are the appointed seasons of
the LORD, even holy convocations,
which ye shall proclaim in their
appointed season. [5]In the first month,
on the fourteenth day of the month at
dusk, is the LORD'S passover. [6]And on
the fifteenth day of the same month is
the feast of unleavened bread unto the
LORD; seven days ye shall eat
unleavened bread. [7]In the first day ye
shall have a holy convocation; ye shall
do no manner of servile work. [8]And ye
shall bring an offering made by fire
unto the LORD seven days; in the
seventh day is a holy convocation; ye
shall do no manner of servile work.

[9]And the LORD spoke unto Moses
saying: [10]Speak unto the children of
Israel, and say unto them:

When ye are come into the land
which I give unto you, and shall reap
the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring
the sheaf of the first-fruits of your
harvest unto the priest. [11]And he shall
wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be
accepted for you; on the morrow after
the sabbath the priest shall wave it.
[12]And in the day when ye wave the
sheaf, ye shall offer a he-lamb without
blemish of the first year for a burnt-
offering unto the LORD. [13]And the
meal-offering thereof shall be two
tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour
mingled with oil, an offering made by
fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour;
and the drink-offering thereof shall be
of wine, the fourth part of a hin. [14]And
ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched
corn, nor fresh ears, until this selfsame
day, until ye have brought the offering
of your God; it is a statute for ever
throughout your generations in all your
dwellings.

[15]And ye shall count unto you from
the morrow after the [a]day of rest, from
the day that ye brought the sheaf of the
waving; seven weeks shall there be
complete; [16]even unto the morrow
after the seventh week shall ye number
fifty days; and ye shall present a new
meal-offering unto the LORD. [17]Ye
shall bring out of your dwellings two
wave-loaves of two tenth parts of an
ephah; they shall be of fine flour, they
shall be baked with leaven, for first-
fruits unto the LORD. [18]And ye shall
present with the bread seven lambs
without blemish of the first year, and
one young bullock, and two rams; they
shall be a burnt-offering unto the
LORD, with their meal-offering, and
their drink-offerings, even an offering
made by fire, of a sweet savour unto
the LORD. [19]And ye shall offer one he-
goat for a sin-offering, and two he-
lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of
peace-offerings. [20]And the priest shall

[a] Heb. *sabbath.*

wave them with the bread of the first-
fruits for a wave-offering before the
LORD, with the two lambs; they shall
be holy to the LORD for the priest.
[21]And ye shall make proclamation on
the selfsame day; there shall be a holy
convocation unto you; ye shall do no
manner of servile work; it is a statute
for ever in all your dwellings
throughout your generations.

[22]And when ye reap the harvest of
your land, thou shalt not wholly reap
the corner of thy field, neither shalt
thou gather the gleaning of thy
harvest; thou shalt leave them for the
poor, and for the stranger: I am the
LORD your God.

[23]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying: [24]Speak unto the children of
Israel, saying:

In the seventh month, in the first day
of the month, shall be a solemn rest
unto you, a memorial proclaimed with
the blast of horns, a holy convocation.
[25]Ye shall do no manner of servile
work; and ye shall bring an offering
made by fire unto the LORD.

[26]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying:

[27]Howbeit on the tenth day of this
seventh month is the day of
atonement; there shall be a holy
convocation unto you, and ye shall
afflict your souls; and ye shall bring an
offering made by fire unto the LORD.
[28]And ye shall do no manner of work
in that same day; for it is a day of
atonement, to make atonement for you
before the LORD your God. [29]For
whatsoever soul it be that shall not be
afflicted in that same day, he shall be
cut off from his people. [30]And
whatsoever soul it be that doeth any
manner of work in that same day, that
soul will I destroy from among his
people. [31]Ye shall do no manner of
work; it is a statute for ever throughout
your generations in all your dwellings.
[32]It shall be unto you a sabbath of
solemn rest, and ye shall afflict your
souls; in the ninth day of the month at
even, from even unto even, shall ye
keep your sabbath.

[33]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying: [34]Speak unto the children of
Israel, saying:

On the fifteenth day of this seventh
month is the feast of tabernacles for
seven days unto the LORD. [35]On the
first day shall be a holy convocation;
ye shall do no manner of servile work.
[36]Seven days ye shall bring an offering
made by fire unto the LORD; on the
eighth day shall be a holy convocation
unto you; and ye shall bring an
offering made by fire unto the LORD; it
is a day of solemn assembly; ye shall
do no manner of servile work.

[37]These are the appointed seasons of
the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to
be holy convocations, to bring an
offering made by fire unto the LORD, a
burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a
sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on
its own day; [38]beside the sabbaths of
the LORD, and beside your gifts, and
beside all your vows, and beside all

your freewill-offerings, which ye give unto the Lord.

39 Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the feast of the Lord seven days; on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. 40 And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days. 41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the Lord seven days in the year; it is a statute for ever in your generations; ye shall keep it in the seventh month. 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are home-born in Israel shall dwell in booths; 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the appointed seasons of the Lord.

24 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 2 'Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. 3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting, shall Aaron order it from evening to morning before the Lord continually; it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations. 4 He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick before the Lord continually.

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth parts of an ephah shall be in one cake. 6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six in a row, upon the pure table before the Lord. 7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense with each row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial-part, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 8 Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before the Lord continually; it is from the children of Israel, an everlasting covenant. 9 And it shall be for Aaron and his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the Lord made by fire, a perpetual due.'

10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp. 11 And the son of the Israelitish woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses. And his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. 12 And they put him in ward, that it might be declared unto them at the mouth of the Lord.

13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 14 'Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all

that heard him lay their hands upon his
head, and let all the congregation stone
him. 15 And thou shalt speak unto the
children of Israel, saying: Whosoever
curseth his God shall bear his sin.
16 And he that blasphemeth the name of
the LORD, he shall surely be put to
death; all the congregation shall
certainly stone him; as well the
stranger, as the home-born, when he
blasphemeth the Name, shall be put to
death. 17 And he that smiteth any man
mortally shall surely be put to death.
18 And he that smiteth a beast mortally
shall make it good: life for life. 19 And
if a man maim his neighbour; as he
hath done, so shall it be done to him:
20 breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth
for tooth; as he hath maimed a man, so
shall it be rendered unto him. 21 And he
that killeth a beast shall make it good;
and he that killeth a man shall be put
to death. 22 Ye shall have one manner
of law, as well for the stranger, as for
the home-born; for I am the LORD your
God.' 23 And Moses spoke to the
children of Israel, and they brought
forth him that had cursed out of the
camp, and stoned him with stones.
And the children of Israel did as the
LORD commanded Moses.

## בהר

25 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses in mount Sinai, saying:
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and
say unto them:

When ye come into the land which I
give you, then shall the land keep a
sabbath unto the LORD. 3 Six years thou
shalt sow thy field, and six years thou
shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in
the produce thereof. 4 But in the
seventh year shall be a sabbath of
solemn rest for the land, a sabbath
unto the LORD; thou shalt neither sow
thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. 5 That
which groweth of itself of thy harvest
thou shalt not reap, and the grapes of
thy undressed vine thou shalt not
gather; it shall be a year of solemn rest
for the land. 6 And the sabbath-produce
of the land shall be for food for you:
for thee, and for thy servant and for
thy maid, and for thy hired servant and
for the settler by thy side that sojourn
with thee; 7 and for thy cattle, and for
the beasts that are in thy land, shall all
the increase thereof be for food.

8 And thou shalt number seven
sabbaths of years unto thee, seven
times seven years; and there shall be
unto thee the days of seven sabbaths of
years, even forty and nine years. 9 Then
shalt thou make proclamation with the
blast of the horn on the tenth day of
the seventh month; in the day of
atonement shall ye make proclamation
with the horn throughout all your land.
10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year,
and proclaim liberty throughout the
land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it
shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye
shall return every man unto his
possession, and ye shall return every
man unto his family. 11 A jubilee shall
that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall
not sow, neither reap that which

groweth of itself in it, nor gather the
grapes in it of the undressed vines.
[12]For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy
unto you; ye shall eat the increase
thereof out of the field. [13]In this year
of jubilee ye shall return every man
unto his possession. [14]And if thou sell
aught unto thy neighbour, or buy of
thy neighbour's hand, ye shall not
wrong one another. [15]According to the
number of years after the jubilee thou
shalt buy of thy neighbour, and
according unto the number of years of
the crops he shall sell unto thee.
[16]According to the multitude of the
years thou shalt increase the price
thereof, and according to the fewness
of the years thou shalt diminish the
price of it; for the number of crops
doth he sell unto thee. [17]And ye shall
not wrong one another; but thou shalt
fear thy God; for I am the LORD your
God. [18]Wherefore ye shall do My
statutes, and keep Mine ordinances
and do them; and ye shall dwell in the
land in safety. [19]And the land shall
yield her fruit, and ye shall eat until ye
have enough, and dwell therein in
safety. [20]And if ye shall say: 'What
shall we eat the seventh year? behold,
we may not sow, nor gather in our
increase'; [21]then I will command My
blessing upon you in the sixth year,
and it shall bring forth produce for the
three years. [22]And ye shall sow the
eighth year, and eat of the produce, the
old store; until the ninth year, until her
produce come in, ye shall eat the old
store. [23]And the land shall not be sold
in perpetuity; for the land is Mine; for
ye are strangers and settlers with Me.
[24]And in all the land of your
possession ye shall grant a redemption
for the land.

[25]If thy brother be waxen poor, and
sell some of his possession, then shall
his kinsman that is next unto him
come, and shall redeem that which his
brother hath sold. [26]And if a man have
no one to redeem it, and he be waxen
rich and find sufficient means to
redeem it; [27]then let him count the
years of the sale thereof, and restore
the overplus unto the man to whom he
sold it; and he shall return unto his
possession. [28]But if he have not
sufficient means to get it back for
himself, then that which he hath sold
shall remain in the hand of him that
hath bought it until the year of jubilee;
and in the jubilee it shall go out, and
he shall return unto his possession.

[29]And if a man sell a dwelling-house
in a walled city, then he may redeem it
within a whole year after it is sold; for
a full year shall he have the right of
redemption. [30]And if it be not
redeemed within the space of a full
year, then the house that is in the
walled city shall be made sure in
perpetuity to him that bought it,
throughout his generations; it shall not
go out in the jubilee. [31]But the houses
of the villages which have no wall
round about them shall be reckoned
with the fields of the country; they
may be redeemed, and they shall go
out in the jubilee. [32]But as for the cities

of the Levites, the houses of the cities
of their possession, the Levites shall
have a perpetual right of redemption.
33 And if a man purchase of the Levites,
then the house that was sold in the city
of his possession, shall go out in the
jubilee; for the houses of the cities of
the Levites are their possession among
the children of Israel. 34 But the fields
of the open land about their cities may
not be sold; for that is their perpetual
possession.

35 And if thy brother be waxen poor,
and his means fail with thee; then thou
shalt uphold him: as a stranger and a
settler shall he live with thee. 36 Take
thou no interest of him or increase; but
fear thy God; that thy brother may live
with thee. 37 Thou shalt not give him
thy money upon interest, nor give him
thy victuals for increase. 38 I am the
Lord your God, who brought you forth
out of the land of Egypt, to give you
the land of Canaan, to be your God.

39 And if thy brother be waxen poor
with thee, and sell himself unto thee,
thou shalt not make him to serve as a
bondservant. 40 As a hired servant, and
as a settler, he shall be with thee; he
shall serve with thee unto the year of
jubilee. 41 Then shall he go out from
thee, he and his children with him, and
shall return unto his own family, and
unto the possession of his fathers shall
he return. 42 For they are My servants,
whom I brought forth out of the land
of Egypt; they shall not be sold as
bondmen. 43 Thou shalt not rule over
him with rigour; but shalt fear thy
God. 44 And as for thy bondmen, and
thy bondmaids, whom thou mayest
have: of the nations that are round
about you, of them shall ye buy
bondmen and bondmaids. 45 Moreover
of the children of the strangers that do
sojourn among you, of them may ye
buy, and of their families that are with
you, which they have begotten in your
land; and they may be your possession.
46 And ye may make them an
inheritance for your children after you,
to hold for a possession: of them may
ye take your bondmen for ever; but
over your brethren the children of
Israel ye shall not rule, one over
another, with rigour.

47 And if a stranger who is a settler
with thee be waxen rich, and thy
brother be waxen poor beside him, and
sell himself unto the stranger who is a
settler with thee, or to the offshoot of a
stranger's family, 48 after that he is sold
he may be redeemed; one of his
brethren may redeem him; 49 or his
uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem
him, or any that is nigh of kin unto
him of his family may redeem him; or
if he be waxen rich, he may redeem
himself. 50 And he shall reckon with
him that bought him from the year that
he sold himself to him unto the year of
jubilee; and the price of his sale shall
be according unto the number of years;
according to the time of a hired servant
shall he be with him. 51 If there be yet
many years, according unto them he
shall give back the price of his
redemption out of the money that he

was bought for. 52 And if there remain
but few years unto the year of jubilee,
then he shall reckon with him;
according unto his years shall he give
back the price of his redemption. 53 As
a servant hired year by year shall he be
with him; he shall not rule with rigour
over him in thy sight. 54 And if he be
not redeemed by any of these means,
then he shall go out in the year of
jubilee, he, and his children with him.
55 For unto Me the children of Israel are
servants; they are My servants whom I
brought forth out of the land of Egypt:
I am the Lord your God.

26 Ye shall make you no idols,
neither shall ye rear you up a
graven image, or a pillar, neither shall
ye place any figured stone in your
land, to bow down unto it; for I am the
Lord your God. 2 Ye shall keep My
sabbaths, and reverence My sanctuary:
I am the Lord.

## בחקתי

3 If ye walk in My statutes, and keep
My commandments, and do them;
4 then I will give your rains in their
season, and the land shall yield her
produce, and the trees of the field shall
yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing
shall reach unto the vintage, and the
vintage shall reach unto the sowing
time; and ye shall eat your bread until
ye have enough, and dwell in your
land safely. 6 And I will give peace in
the land, and ye shall lie down, and
none shall make you afraid; and I will
cause evil beasts to cease out of the
land, neither shall the sword go
through your land. 7 And ye shall chase
your enemies, and they shall fall
before you by the sword. 8 And five of
you shall chase a hundred, and a
hundred of you shall chase ten
thousand; and your enemies shall fall
before you by the sword. 9 And I will
have respect unto you, and make you
fruitful, and multiply you; and will
establish My covenant with you. 10 And
ye shall eat old store long kept, and ye
shall bring forth the old from before
the new. 11 And I will set My
tabernacle among you, and My soul
shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk
among you, and will be your God, and
ye shall be My people. 13 I am the Lord
your God, who brought you forth out
of the land of Egypt, that ye should not
be their bondmen; and I have broken
the bars of your yoke, and made you
go upright.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto
Me, and will not do all these
commandments; 15 and if ye shall reject
My statutes, and if your soul abhor
Mine ordinances, so that ye will not do
all My commandments, but break My
covenant; 16 I also will do this unto
you: I will appoint terror over you,
even consumption and fever, that shall
make the eyes to fail, and the soul to
languish; and ye shall sow your seed in
vain, for your enemies shall eat it.
17 And I will set My face against you,
and ye shall be smitten before your
enemies; they that hate you shall rule

over you; and ye shall flee when none
pursueth you. 18 And if ye will not yet
for these things hearken unto Me, then
I will chastise you seven times more
for your sins. 19 And I will break the
pride of your power; and I will make
your heaven as iron, and your earth as
brass. 20 And your strength shall be
spent in vain; for your land shall not
yield her produce, neither shall the
trees of the land yield their fruit. 21 And
if ye walk contrary unto Me, and will
not hearken unto Me; I will bring
seven times more plagues upon you
according to your sins. 22 And I will
send the beast of the field among you,
which shall rob you of your children,
and destroy your cattle, and make you
few in number; and your ways shall
become desolate. 23 And if in spite of
these things ye will not be corrected
unto Me, but will walk contrary unto
Me; 24 then will I also walk contrary
unto you; and I will smite you, even I,
seven times for your sins. 25 And I will
bring a sword upon you, that shall
execute the vengeance of the covenant;
and ye shall be gathered together
within your cities; and I will send the
pestilence among you; and ye shall be
delivered into the hand of the enemy.
26 When I break your staff of bread, ten
women shall bake your bread in one
oven, and they shall deliver your bread
again by weight; and ye shall eat, and
not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this
hearken unto Me, but walk contrary
unto Me; 28 then I will walk contrary
unto you in fury; and I also will
chastise you seven times for your sins.
29 And ye shall eat the flesh of your
sons, and the flesh of your daughters
shall ye eat. 30 And I will destroy your
high places, and cut down your sun-
pillars, and cast your carcasses upon
the carcasses of your idols; and My
soul shall abhor you. 31 And I will
make your cities a waste, and will
bring your sanctuaries unto desolation,
and I will not smell the savour of your
sweet odours. 32 And I will bring the
land into desolation; and your enemies
that dwell therein shall be astonished
at it. 33 And you will I scatter among
the nations, and I will draw out the
sword after you; and your land shall be
a desolation, and your cities shall be a
waste. 34 Then shall the land be paid
her sabbaths, as long as it lieth
desolate, and ye are in your
enemies'land; even then shall the land
rest, and repay her sabbaths. 35 As long
as it lieth desolate it shall have rest;
even the rest which it had not in your
sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. 36 And
as for them that are left of you, I will
send a faintness into their heart in the
lands of their enemies; and the sound
of a driven leaf shall chase them; and
they shall flee, as one fleeth from the
sword; and they shall fall when none
pursueth. 37 And they shall stumble one
upon another, as it were before the
sword, when none pursueth; and ye
shall have no power to stand before
your enemies. 38 And ye shall perish
among the nations, and the land of

your enemies shall eat you up. [39]And
they that are left of you shall pine
away in their iniquity in your
enemies’lands; and also in the
iniquities of their fathers shall they
pine away with them. [40]And they shall
confess their iniquity, and the iniquity
of their fathers, in their treachery
which they committed against Me, and
also that they have walked contrary
unto Me. [41]I also will walk contrary
unto them, and bring them into the
land of their enemies; if then
perchance their uncircumcised heart be
humbled, and they then be paid the
punishment of their iniquity; [42]then
will I remember My covenant with
Jacob, and also My covenant with
Isaac, and also My covenant with
Abraham will I remember; and I will
remember the land. [43]For the land shall
lie forsaken without them, and shall be
paid her sabbaths, while she lieth
desolate without them; and they shall
be paid the punishment of their
iniquity; because, even because they
rejected Mine ordinances, and their
soul abhorred My statutes. [44]And yet
for all that, when they are in the land
of their enemies, I will not reject them,
neither will I abhor them, to destroy
them utterly, and to break My
covenant with them; for I am the LORD
their God. [45]But I will for their sakes
remember the covenant of their
ancestors, whom I brought forth out of
the land of Egypt in the sight of the
nations, that I might be their God: I am
the LORD.

[46]These are the statutes and
ordinances and laws, which the LORD
made between Him and the children of
Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of
Moses.

27 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses, saying: [2]Speak unto
the children of Israel, and say unto
them:

When a man shall clearly utter a
vow of persons unto the LORD,
according to thy valuation, [3]then thy
valuation shall be for the male from
twenty years old even unto sixty years
old, even thy valuation shall be fifty
shekels of silver, after the shekel of the
sanctuary. [4]And if it be a female, then
thy valuation shall be thirty shekels.
[5]And if it be from five years old even
unto twenty years old, then thy
valuation shall be for the male twenty
shekels, and for the female ten shekels.
[6]And if it be from a month old even
unto five years old, then thy valuation
shall be for the male five shekels of
silver, and for the female thy valuation
shall be three shekels of silver. [7]And if
it be from sixty years old and upward:
if it be a male, then thy valuation shall
be fifteen shekels, and for the female
ten shekels. [8]But if he be too poor for
thy valuation, then he shall be set
before the priest, and the priest shall
value him; according to the means of
him that vowed shall the priest value
him.

[9]And if it be a beast, whereof men
bring an offering unto the LORD, all

that any man giveth of such unto the
Lord shall be holy. [10]He shall not alter
it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a
bad for a good; and if he shall at all
change beast for beast, then both it and
that for which it is changed shall be
holy. [11]And if it be any unclean beast,
of which they may not bring an
offering unto the Lord, then he shall
set the beast before the priest. [12]And
the priest shall value it, whether it be
good or bad; as thou the priest valuest
it, so shall it be. [13]But if he will indeed
redeem it, then he shall add the fifth
part thereof unto thy valuation.

[14]And when a man shall sanctify his
house to be holy unto the Lord, then
the priest shall value it, whether it be
good or bad; as the priest shall value it,
so shall it stand. [15]And if he that
sanctified it will redeem his house,
then he shall add the fifth part of the
money of thy valuation unto it, and it
shall be his.

[16]And if a man shall sanctify unto
the Lord part of the field of his
possession, then thy valuation shall be
according to the sowing thereof; the
sowing of a homer of barley shall be
valued at fifty shekels of silver. [17]If he
sanctify his field from the year of
jubilee, according to thy valuation it
shall stand. [18]But if he sanctify his
field after the jubilee, then the priest
shall reckon unto him the money
according to the years that remain unto
the year of jubilee, and an abatement
shall be made from thy valuation.
[19]And if he that sanctified the field will
indeed redeem it, then he shall add the
fifth part of the money of thy valuation
unto it, and it shall be assured to him.
[20]And if he will not redeem the field,
or if he have sold the field to another
man, it shall not be redeemed any
more. [21]But the field, when it goeth out
in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the
Lord, as a field devoted; the
possession thereof shall be the priest's.
[22]And if he sanctify unto the Lord a
field which he hath bought, which is
not of the field of his possession;
[23]then the priest shall reckon unto him
the worth of thy valuation unto the
year of jubilee; and he shall give thy
valuation in that day, as a holy thing
unto the Lord. [24]In the year of jubilee
the field shall return unto him of
whom it was bought, even to him to
whom the possession of the land
belongeth. [25]And all thy valuations
shall be according to the shekel of the
sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the
shekel.

[26]Howbeit the firstling among
beasts, which is born as a firstling to
the Lord, no man shall sanctify it;
whether it be ox or sheep, it is the
Lord'S. [27]And if it be of an unclean
beast, then he shall ransom it
according to thy valuation, and shall
add unto it the fifth part thereof; or if it
be not redeemed, then it shall be sold
according to thy valuation.

[28]Notwithstanding, no devoted
thing, that a man may devote unto the
Lord of all that he hath, whether of
man or beast, or of the field of his

possession, shall be sold or redeemed;
every devoted thing is most holy unto
the LORD. [29]None devoted, that may be
devoted of men, shall be ransomed; he
shall surely be put to death.

[30]And all the tithe of the land,
whether of the seed of the land, or of
the fruit of the tree, is the LORD’S; it is
holy unto the LORD. [31]And if a man
will redeem aught of his tithe, he shall
add unto it the fifth part thereof. [32]And
all the tithe of the herd or the flock,
whatsoever passeth under the rod, the
tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. [33]He
shall not inquire whether it be good or
bad, neither shall he change it; and if
he change it at all, then both it and that
for which it is changed shall be holy; it
shall not be redeemed.

[34]These are the commandments,
which the LORD commanded Moses for
the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

# במדבר
# NUMBERS

**1** And The Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after the were come out of the land of Egypt, saying: [2]'Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers'houses, according to the number of names, every male, by their polls; [3]from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: ye shall number them by their hosts, even thou and Aaron. [4]And with you there shall be a man of every tribe, every one head of his fathers'house. [5]And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of Reuben, Elizur the son of Shedeur. [6]Of Simeon, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. [7]Of Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab. [8]Of Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar. [9]Of Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon. [10]Of the children of Joseph: of Ephraim, Elishama the son of Ammihud; of Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. [11]Of Benjamin, Abidan the son of Gideoni. [12]Of Dan, Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. [13]Of Asher, Pagiel the son of Ochran. [14]Of Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel. [15]Of Naphtali, Ahira the son of Enan.' [16]These were the elect of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel. [17]And Moses and Aaron took these men that are pointed out by name. [18]And they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers'houses, according to the number of names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. [19]As the Lord commanded Moses, so did he number them in the wilderness of Sinai.

[20]And the children of Reuben, Israel's first-born, their generations, by their families, by their fathers'houses, according to the number of names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; [21]those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

[22]Of the children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers'houses, those that were numbered thereof, according to the number of names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; [23]those that were numbered of

them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty
and nine thousand and three hundred.
24Of the children of Gad, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 25those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad,
were forty and five thousand six
hundred and fifty.
26Of the children of Judah, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 27those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Judah, were threescore and fourteen
thousand and six hundred.
28Of the children of Issachar, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 29those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Issachar, were fifty and four thousand
and four hundred.
30Of the children of Zebulun, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 31those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Zebulun, were fifty and seven
thousand and four hundred.
32Of the children of Joseph, namely,
of the children of Ephraim, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 33those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Ephraim, were forty thousand and five
hundred.
34Of the children of Manasseh, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 35those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Manasseh, were thirty and two
thousand and two hundred.
36Of the children of Benjamin, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 37those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Benjamin, were thirty and five
thousand and four hundred.
38Of the children of Dan, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; 39those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan,
were threescore and two thousand and
seven hundred.
40Of the children of Asher, their
generations, by their families, by their

fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; [41]those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Asher, were forty and one thousand
and five hundred.

[42]Of the children of Naphtali, their
generations, by their families, by their
fathers'houses, according to the
number of names, from twenty years
old and upward, all that were able to
go forth to war; [43]those that were
numbered of them, of the tribe of
Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand
and four hundred.

[44]These are those that were
numbered, which Moses and Aaron
numbered, and the princes of Israel,
being twelve men; they were each one
for his fathers'house. [45]And all those
that were numbered of the children of
Israel by their fathers'houses, from
twenty years old and upward, all that
were able to go forth to war in Israel;
[46]even all those that were numbered
were six hundred thousand and three
thousand and five hundred and fifty.
[47]But the Levites after the tribe of their
fathers were not numbered among
them.

[48]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying: [49]'Howbeit the tribe of Levi
thou shalt not number, neither shalt
thou take the sum of them among the
children of Israel; [50]but appoint thou
the Levites over the tabernacle of the
testimony, and over all the furniture
thereof, and over all that belongeth to
it; they shall bear the tabernacle, and
all the furniture thereof; and they shall
minister unto it, and shall encamp
round about the tabernacle. [51]And
when the tabernacle setteth forward,
the Levites shall take it down; and
when the tabernacle is to be pitched,
the Levites shall set it up; and the
common man that draweth nigh shall
be put to death. [52]And the children of
Israel shall pitch their tents, every man
with his own camp, and every man
with his own standard, according to
their hosts. [53]But the Levites shall
pitch round about the tabernacle of the
testimony, that there be no wrath upon
the congregation of the children of
Israel; and the Levites shall keep the
charge of the tabernacle of the
testimony.' [54]Thus did the children of
Israel; according to all that the LORD
commanded Moses, so did they.

2 And the LORD spoke unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying: [2]'The
children of Israel shall pitch by their
fathers'houses; every man with his
own standard, according to the
ensigns; a good way off shall they
pitch round about the tent of meeting.
[3]Now those that pitch on the east side
toward the sunrising shall be they of
the standard of the camp of Judah,
according to their hosts; the prince of
the children of Judah being Nahshon
the son of Amminadab, [4]and his host,
and those that were numbered of them,
threescore and fourteen thousand and
six hundred; [5]and those that pitch next
unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar;

the prince of the children of Issachar being Nethanel the son of Zuar, [6]and his host, even those that were numbered thereof, fifty and four thousand and four hundred; [7]and the tribe of Zebulun; the prince of the children of Zebulun being Eliab the son of Helon, [8]and his host, and those that were numbered thereof, fifty and seven thousand and four hundred; [9]all that were numbered of the camp of Judah being a hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, according to their hosts; they shall set forth first.

[10]On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Reuben being Elizur the son of Shedeur, [11]and his host, and those that were numbered thereof, forty and six thousand and five hundred; [12]and those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Simeon; the prince of the children of Simeon being Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, [13]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and nine thousand and three hundred; [14]and the tribe of Gad; the prince of the children of Gad being Eliasaph the son of Reuel, [15]and his host, even those that were numbered of them, forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty; [16]all that were numbered of the camp of Reuben being a hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts; and they shall set forth second.

[17]Then the tent of meeting, with the camp of the Levites, shall set forward in the midst of the camps; as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place, by their standards.

[18]On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Ephraim being Elishama the son of Ammihud, [19]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred; [20]and next unto him shall be the tribe of Manasseh; the prince of the children of Manasseh being Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, [21]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and two hundred; [22]and the tribe of Benjamin; the prince of the children of Benjamin being Abidan the son of Gideoni, [23]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, thirty and five thousand and four hundred; [24]all that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim being a hundred thousand and eight thousand and a hundred, according to their hosts; and they shall set forth third.

[25]On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts; the prince of the children of Dan being Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, [26]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, threescore and two thousand and seven hundred; [27]and those that pitch next

unto him shall be the tribe of Asher; the prince of the children of Asher being Pagiel the son of Ochran, [28]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, forty and one thousand and five hundred; [29]and the tribe of Naphtali; the prince of the children of Naphtali being Ahira the son of Enan, [30]and his host, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and three thousand and four hundred; [31]all that were numbered of the camp of Dan being a hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred; they shall set forth hindmost by their standards.'

[32]These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers'houses; all that were numbered of the camps according to their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. [33]But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses. [34]Thus did the children of Israel: according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, each one according to its families, and according to its fathers'houses.

3 Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spoke with Moses in mount Sinai. [2]And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. [3]These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests that were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. [4]And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children; and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father.

[5]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [6]'Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. [7]And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. [8]And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. [9]And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons; they are wholly given unto him from the children of Israel. [10]And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, that they may keep their priesthood; and the common man that draweth nigh shall be put to death.'

[11]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [12]'And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of every first-born that openeth the womb among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be Mine; [13]for all the first-born are Mine: on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto Me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast, Mine they shall be: I am the LORD.'

14 And the LORD spoke unto Moses in
the wilderness of Sinai, saying:
15 'Number the children of Levi by
their fathers' houses, by their families;
every male from a month old and
upward shalt thou number them.'
16 And Moses numbered them
according to the word of the LORD, as
he was commanded. 17 And these were
the sons of Levi by their names:
Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari.
18 And these are the names of the sons
of Gershon by their families: Libni and
Shimei. 19 And the sons of Kohath by
their families: Amram and Izhar,
Hebron and Uzziel. 20 And the sons of
Merari by their families: Mahli and
Mushi. These are the families of the
Levites according to their
fathers' houses.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the
Libnites, and the family of the
Shimeites; these are the families of the
Gershonites. 22 Those that were
numbered of them, according to the
number of all the males, from a month
old and upward, even those that were
numbered of them were seven
thousand and five hundred. 23 The
families of the Gershonites were to
pitch behind the tabernacle westward;
24 the prince of the fathers' house of the
Gershonites being Eliasaph the son of
Lael, 25 and the charge of the sons of
Gershon in the tent of meeting the
tabernacle, and the Tent, the covering
thereof, and the screen for the door of
the tent of meeting, 26 and the hangings
of the court, and the screen for the
door of the court—which is by the
tabernacle, and by the altar, round
about—and the cords of it, even
whatsoever pertaineth to the service
thereof.

27 And of Kohath was the family of
the Amramites, and the family of the
Izharites, and the family of the
Hebronites, and the family of the
Uzzielites; these are the families of the
Kohathites: 28 according to the number
of all the males, from a month old and
upward, eight thousand and six
hundred, keepers of the charge of the
sanctuary. 29 The families of the sons of
Kohath were to pitch on the side of the
tabernacle southward; 30 the prince of
the fathers' house of the families of the
Kohathites being Elizaphan the son of
Uzziel, 31 and their charge the ark, and
the table, and the candlestick, and the
altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary
wherewith the priests minister, and the
screen, and all that pertaineth to the
service thereof; 32 Eleazar the son of
Aaron the priest being prince of the
princes of the Levites, and having the
oversight of them that keep the charge
of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari was the family of the
Mahlites, and the family of the
Mushites; these are the families of
Merari. 34 And those that were
numbered of them, according to the
number of all the males, from a month
old and upward, were six thousand and
two hundred; 35 the prince of the
fathers' house of the families of Merari
being Zuriel the son of Abihail; they

were to pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward; 36the appointed charge of the sons of Merari being the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the instruments thereof, and all that pertaineth to the service thereof; 37and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords. 38And those that were to pitch before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrising, were Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary, even the charge for the children of Israel; and the common man that drew nigh was to be put to death. 39All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

40And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Number all the first-born males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. 41And thou shalt take the Levites for Me, even the LORD, instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.’ 42And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the first-born among the children of Israel. 43And all the first-born males according to the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

44And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: 45’Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be Mine, even the LORD’S. 46And as for the redemption of the two hundred and three score and thirteen of the first-born of the children of Israel, that are over and above the number of the Levites, 47thou shalt take five shekels apiece by the poll; after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them—the shekel is twenty gerahs. 48And thou shalt give the money wherewith they that remain over of them are redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons.’ 49And Moses took the redemption-money from them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites; 50from the first-born of the children of Israel took he the money: a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 51And Moses gave the redemption-money unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 And the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying: 2’Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers’houses, 3from

thirty years old and upward even until
fifty years old, all that enter upon the
service, to do work in the tent of
meeting. 4This is the service of the
sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting,
about the most holy things: 5when the
camp setteth forward, Aaron shall go
in, and his sons, and they shall take
down the veil of the screen, and cover
the ark of the testimony with it; 6and
shall put thereon a covering of
sealskin, and shall spread over it a
cloth all of blue, and shall set the
staves thereof. 7And upon the table of
showbread they shall spread a cloth of
blue, and put thereon the dishes, and
the pans, and the bowls, and the jars
wherewith to pour out; and the
continual bread shall remain thereon.
8And they shall spread upon them a
cloth of scarlet, and cover the same
with a covering of sealskin, and shall
set the staves thereof. 9And they shall
take a cloth of blue, and cover the
candlestick of the light, and its lamps,
and its tongs, and its snuffdishes, and
all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith
they minister unto it. 10And they shall
put it and all the vessels thereof within
a covering of sealskin, and shall put it
upon a bar. 11And upon the golden
altar they shall spread a cloth of blue,
and cover it with a covering of
sealskin, and shall set the staves
thereof. 12And they shall take all the
vessels of ministry, wherewith they
minister in the sanctuary, and put them
in a cloth of blue, and cover them with
a covering of sealskin, and shall put
them on a bar. 13And they shall take
away the ashes from the altar, and
spread a purple cloth thereon. 14And
they shall put upon it all the vessels
thereof, wherewith they minister about
it, the fire-pans, the flesh-hooks, and
the shovels, and the basins, all the
vessels of the altar; and they shall
spread upon it a covering of sealskin,
and set the staves thereof. 15And when
Aaron and his sons have made an end
of covering the holy furniture, and all
the holy vessels, as the camp is to set
forward—after that, the sons of
Kohath shall come to bear them; but
they shall not touch the holy things,
lest they die. These things are the
burden of the sons of Kohath in the
tent of meeting. 16And the charge of
Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest
shall be the oil for the light, and the
sweet incense, and the continual meal-
offering, and the anointing oil: he shall
have the charge of all the tabernacle,
and of all that therein is, whether it be
the sanctuary, or the furniture thereof.'
17And the Lord spoke unto Moses and
unto Aaron, saying: 18'Cut ye not off
the tribe of the families of the
Kohathites from among the Levites;
19but thus do unto them, that they may
live, and not die, when they approach
unto the most holy things: Aaron and
his sons shall go in, and appoint them
every one to his service and to his
burden; 20but they shall not go in to see
the holy things as they are being
covered, lest they die.'

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21 And the Lord spoke unto Moses
saying: 22 ’Take the sum of the sons of
Gershon also, by their fathers’houses,
by their families; 23 from thirty years
old and upward until fifty years old
shalt thou number them: all that enter
in to wait upon the service, to do
service in the tent of meeting. 24 This is
the service of the families of the
Gershonites, in serving and in bearing
burdens: 25 they shall bear the curtains
of the tabernacle, and the tent of
meeting, its covering, and the covering
of sealskin that is above upon it, and
the screen for the door of the tent of
meeting; 26 and the hangings of the
court, and the screen for the door of
the gate of the court, which is by the
tabernacle and by the altar round
about, and their cords, and all the
instruments of their service, and
whatsoever there may be to do with
them, therein shall they serve. 27 At the
commandment of Aaron and his sons
shall be all the service of the sons of
the Gershonites, in all their burden,
and in all their service; and ye shall
appoint unto them in charge all their
burden. 28 This is the service of the
families of the sons of the Gershonites
in the tent of meeting; and their charge
shall be under the hand of Ithamar the
son of Aaron the priest.

29 As for the sons of Merari, thou
shalt number them by their families,
by their fathers’houses; 30 from thirty
years old and upward even unto fifty
years old shalt thou number them,
every one that entereth upon the
service, to do the work of the tent of
meeting. 31 And this is the charge of
their burden, according to all their
service in the tent of meeting: the
boards of the tabernacle, and the bars
thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the
sockets thereof; 32 and the pillars of the
court round about, and their sockets,
and their pins, and their cords, even all
their appurtenance, and all that
pertaineth to their service; and by
name ye shall appoint the instruments
of the charge of their burden. 33 This is
the service of the families of the sons
of Merari, according to all their
service, in the tent of meeting, under
the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron
the priest.’

34 And Moses and Aaron and the
princes of the congregation numbered
the sons of the Kohathites by their
families, and by their fathers’houses,
35 from thirty years old and upward
even unto fifty years old, every one
that entered upon the service, for
service in the tent of meeting. 36 And
those that were numbered of them by
their families were two thousand seven
hundred and fifty. 37 These are they that
were numbered of the families of the
Kohathites, of all that did serve in the
tent of meeting, whom Moses and
Aaron numbered according to the
commandment of the Lord by the hand
of Moses.

38And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families, and by their fathers'houses, 39from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for service in the tent of meeting, 40even those that were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers'houses, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty. 41These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the Lord.

42And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers'houses, 43from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for service in the tent of meeting, 44even those that were numbered of them by their families, were three thousand and two hundred. 45These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

46All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the princes of Israel numbered, by their families, and by their fathers'houses, 47from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing burdens in the tent of meeting, 48even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore. 49According to the commandment of the Lord they were appointed by the hand of Moses, every one to his service, and to his burden; they were also numbered, as the Lord commanded Moses.

5 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 2'Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is unclean by the dead; 3both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camp, in the midst whereof I dwell.' 4And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp; as the Lord spoke unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: 6Speak unto the children of Israel:

When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to commit a trespass against the Lord, and that soul be guilty; 7then they shall confess their sin which they have done; and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him in respect of whom he hath been guilty. 8But if the man have no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for

guilt which is made shall be the
Lord'S, even the priest's; besides the
ram of the atonement, whereby
atonement shall be made for him. 9And
every heave-offering of all the holy
things of the children of Israel, which
they present unto the priest, shall be
his. 10And every man's hallowed
things shall be his: whatsoever any
man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 12Speak unto the children of
Israel, and say unto them:

If any man's wife go aside, and act
unfaithfully against him, 13and a man
lie with her carnally, and it be hid from
the eyes of her husband, she being
defiled secretly, and there be no
witness against her, neither she be
taken in the act; 14and the spirit of
jealousy come upon him, and he be
jealous of his wife, and she be defiled;
or if the spirit of jealousy come upon
him, and he be jealous of his wife, and
she be not defiled; 15then shall the man
bring his wife unto the priest, and shall
bring her offering for her, the tenth
part of an ephah of barley meal; he
shall pour no oil upon it, nor put
frankincense thereon; for it is a meal-offering of jealousy, a meal-offering of
memorial, bringing iniquity to
remembrance. 16And the priest shall
bring her near, and set her before the
Lord. 17And the priest shall take holy
water in an earthen vessel; and of the
dust that is on the floor of the
tabernacle the priest shall take, and put
it into the water. 18And the priest shall
set the woman before the Lord, and let
the hair of the woman's head go loose,
and put the meal-offering of memorial
in her hands, which is the meal-offering of jealousy; and the priest
shall have in his hand the water of
bitterness that causeth the curse. 19And
the priest shall cause her to swear, and
shall say unto the woman: 'If no man
have lain with thee, and if thou hast
not gone aside to uncleanness, being
under thy husband, be thou free from
this water of bitterness that causeth the
curse; 20but if thou hast gone aside,
being under thy husband, and if thou
be defiled, and some man have lain
with thee besides thy husband— 21then
the priest shall cause the woman to
swear with the oath of cursing, and the
priest shall say unto the woman—the
Lord make thee a curse and an oath
among thy people, when the Lord doth
make thy thigh to fall away, and thy
belly to swell; 22and this water that
causeth the curse shall go into thy
bowels, and make thy belly to swell,
and thy thigh to fall away'; and the
woman shall say: 'Amen, Amen.'
23And the priest shall write these
curses in a scroll, and he shall blot
them out into the water of bitterness.
24And he shall make the woman drink
the water of bitterness that causeth the
curse; and the water that causeth the
curse shall enter into her and become
bitter. 25And the priest shall take the
meal-offering of jealousy out of the
woman's hand, and shall wave the

meal-offering before the LORD, and bring it unto the altar. [26]And the priest shall take a handful of the meal-offering, as the memorial-part thereof, and make it smoke upon the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. [27]And when he hath made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have acted unfaithfully against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away; and the woman shall be a curse among her people. [28]And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be cleared, and shall conceive seed. [29]This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goeth aside, and is defiled; [30]or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon a man, and he be jealous over his wife; then shall he set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. [31]And the man shall be clear from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.

6 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them:

When either man or woman shall clearly utter a vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to consecrate himself unto the LORD, [3]he shall abstain from wine and strong drink: he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. [4]All the days of his Naziriteship shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the pressed grapes even to the grapestone. [5]All the days of his vow of Naziriteship there shall no razor come upon his head; until the days be fulfilled, in which he consecrateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long. [6]All the days that he consecrateth himself unto the LORD he shall not come near to a dead body. [7]He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die; because his consecration unto God is upon his head. [8]All the days of his Naziriteship he is holy unto the LORD. [9]And if any man die very suddenly beside him, and he defile his consecrated head, then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it. [10]And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting. [11]And the priest shall prepare one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make atonement for him, for that he sinned by reason of the dead; and he shall hallow his head that same day. [12]And he shall consecrate unto the LORD the days of his Naziriteship, and shall bring a he-lamb of the first year for a guilt-offering; but the former days shall be void, because his consecration was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Nazirite,
when the days of his consecration are
fulfilled: he shall [a]bring it unto the
door of the tent of meeting; 14 and he
shall present his offering unto the
Lord, one he-lamb of the first year
without blemish for a burnt-offering,
and one ewe-lamb of the first year
without blemish for a sin-offering, and
one ram without blemish for peace-
offerings, 15 and a basket of unleavened
bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with
oil, and unleavened wafers spread with
oil, and their meal-offering, and their
drink-offerings. 16 And the priest shall
bring them before the Lord, and shall
offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-
offering. 17 And he shall offer the ram
for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto
the Lord, with the basket of
unleavened bread; the priest shall offer
also the meal-offering thereof, and the
drink-offering thereof. 18 And the
Nazirite shall shave his consecrated
head at the door of the tent of meeting,
and shall take the hair of his
consecrated head, and put it on the fire
which is under the sacrifice of peace-
offerings. 19 And the priest shall take
the shoulder of the ram when it is
sodden, and one unleavened cake out
of the basket, and one unleavened
wafer, and shall put them upon the
hands of the Nazirite, after he hath
shaven his consecrated head. 20 And the
priest shall wave them for a wave-
offering before the Lord; this is holy
for the priest, together with the breast
of waving and the thigh of heaving;
and after that the Nazirite may drink
wine. 21 This is the law of the Nazirite
who voweth, and of his offering unto
the Lord for his Naziriteship, beside
that for which his means suffice;
according to his vow which he voweth,
so he must do after the law of his
Naziriteship.

22 And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 23 'Speak unto Aaron and unto
his sons, saying: On this wise ye shall
bless the children of Israel; ye shall
say unto them:

24 The Lord bless thee, and keep
thee;

25 The Lord make His face to shine
upon thee, and be gracious unto thee;

26 The Lord lift up His countenance
upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 So shall they put My name upon
the children of Israel, and I will bless
them.'

# 7

And it came to pass on the day
that Moses had made an end of
setting up the tabernacle, and had
anointed it and sanctified it, and all the
furniture thereof, and the altar and all
the vessels thereof, and had anointed
them and sanctified them; 2 that the
princes of Israel, the heads of their
fathers'houses, offered—these were
the princes of the tribes, these are they
that were over them that were

[a] That is, bring his consecrated head (come with his consecrated hair unshaven).

numbered. 3And they brought their
offering before the Lord, six covered
wagons, and twelve oxen: a wagon for
every two of the princes, and for each
one an ox; and they presented them
before the tabernacle. 4And the Lord
spoke unto Moses, saying: 5'Take it of
them, that they may be to do the
service of the tent of meeting; and thou
shalt give them unto the Levites, to
every man according to his service.'
6And Moses took the wagons and the
oxen, and gave them unto the Levites.
7Two wagons and four oxen he gave
unto the sons of Gershon, according to
their service. 8And four wagons and
eight oxen he gave unto the sons of
Merari, according unto their service,
under the hand of Ithamar the son of
Aaron the priest. 9But unto the sons of
Kohath he gave none, because the
service of the holy things belonged
unto them: they bore them upon their
shoulders. 10And the princes brought
the dedication-offering of the altar in
the day that it was anointed, even the
princes brought their offering before
the altar. 11And the Lord said unto
Moses: 'They shall present their
offering each prince on his day, for the
dedication of the altar.'

12And he that presented his offering
the first day was Nahshon the son of
Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah;
13and his offering was one silver dish,
the weight thereof was a hundred and
thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; 14one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 15one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 16one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
17and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Nahshon the
son of Amminadab.

18On the second day Nethanel the
son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did
offer: 19he presented for his offering
one silver dish, the weight thereof was
a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver
basin of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for a
meal-offering; 20one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 21one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 22one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
23and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Nethanel the
son of Zuar.

24On the third day Eliab the son of
Helon, prince of the children of
Zebulun: 25his offering was one silver
dish, the weight thereof was a hundred
and thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; 26one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 27one young

bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 28 one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
29 and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Eliab the son
of Helon.
30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of
Shedeur, prince of the children of
Reuben: 31 his offering was one silver
dish, the weight thereof was a hundred
and thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; 32 one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 33 one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 34 one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
35 and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Elizur the son
of Shedeur.
36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son
of Zurishaddai, prince of the children
of Simeon: 37 his offering was one
silver dish, the weight thereof was a
hundred and thirty shekels, one silver
basin of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for a
meal-offering; 38 one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 39 one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 40 one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
41 and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Shelumiel the
son of Zurishaddai.
42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son
of Deuel, prince of the children of
Gad: 43 his offering was one silver dish,
the weight thereof was a hundred and
thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; 44 one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 45 one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 46 one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
47 and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Eliasaph the
son of Deuel.
48 On the seventh day Elishama the
son of Ammihud, prince of the
children of Ephraim: 49 his offering was
one silver dish, the weight thereof was
a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver
basin of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for a
meal-offering; 50 one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 51 one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 52 one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
53 and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.

This was the offering of Elishama the
son of Ammihud.

[54]On the eighth day Gamaliel the
son of Pedahzur, prince of the children
of Manasseh: [55]his offering was one
silver dish, the weight thereof was a
hundred and thirty shekels, one silver
basin of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for a
meal-offering; [56]one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; [57]one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; [58]one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
[59]and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lamb of the first year.
This was the offering of Gamaliel the
son of Pedahzur.

[60]On the ninth day Abidan the son of
Gideoni, prince of the children of
Benjamin: [61]his offering was one silver
dish, the weight thereof was a hundred
and thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; [62]one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; [63]one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; [64]one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
[65]and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Abidan the
son of Gideoni.

[66]On the tenth day Ahiezer the son
of Ammishaddai, prince of the
children of Dan: [67]his offering was one
silver dish, the weight thereof was a
hundred and thirty shekels, one silver
basin of seventy shekels, after the
shekel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for a
meal-offering; [68]one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; [69]one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; [70]one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
[71]and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Ahiezer the
son of Ammishaddai.

[72]On the eleventh day Pagiel the son
of Ochran, prince of the children of
Asher: [73]his offering was one silver
dish, the weight thereof was a hundred
and thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; [74]one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; [75]one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; [76]one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
[77]and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Pagiel the son
of Ochran.

[78]On the twelfth day Ahira the son
of Enan, prince of the children of
Naphtali: [79]his offering was one silver

dish, the weight thereof was a hundred
and thirty shekels, one silver basin of
seventy shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; both of them full of fine
flour mingled with oil for a meal-
offering; 80one golden pan of ten
shekels, full of incense; 81one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
first year, for a burnt-offering; 82one
male of the goats for a sin-offering;
83and for the sacrifice of peace-
offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-
goats, five he-lambs of the first year.
This was the offering of Ahira the son
of Enan.

84This was the dedication-offering
of the altar, in the day when it was
anointed, at the hands of the princes of
Israel: twelve silver dishes, twelve
silver basins, twelve golden pans;
85each silver dish weighing a hundred
and thirty shekels, and each basin
seventy; all the silver of the vessels
two thousand and four hundred
shekels, after the shekel of the
sanctuary; 86twelve golden pans, full of
incense, weighing ten shekels apiece,
after the shekel of the sanctuary; all
the gold of the pans a hundred and
twenty shekels; 87all the oxen for the
burnt-offering twelve bullocks, the
rams twelve, the he-lambs of the first
year twelve, and their meal-offering;
and the males of the goats for a sin-
offering twelve; 88and all the oxen for
the sacrifice of peace-offerings twenty
and four bullocks, the rams sixty, the
he-goats sixty, the he-lambs of the first
year sixty. This was the dedication-
offering of the altar, after that it was
anointed. 89And when Moses went into
the tent of meeting that He might
speak with him, then he heard the
Voice speaking unto him from above
the ark-cover that was upon the ark of
the testimony, from between the two
cherubim; and He spoke unto him.

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8 And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 2’Speak unto Aaron, and
say unto him: When thou lightest the
lamps, the seven lamps shall give light
in front of the candlestick.’ 3And
Aaron did so: he lighted the lamps
thereof so as to give light in front of
the candlestick, as the Lord
commanded Moses. 4And this was the
work of the candlestick, beaten work
of gold; unto the base thereof, and
unto the flowers thereof, it was beaten
work; according unto the pattern
which the Lord had shown Moses, so
he made the candlestick.

5And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 6’Take the Levites from among
the children of Israel, and cleanse
them. 7And thus shalt thou do unto
them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the
water of purification upon them, and
let them cause a razor to pass over all
their flesh, and let them wash their
clothes, and cleanse themselves. 8Then
let them take a young bullock, and its
meal-offering, fine flour mingled with
oil, and another young bullock shalt
thou take for a sin-offering. 9And thou
shalt present the Levites before the

tent of meeting; and thou shalt assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel. [10]And thou shalt present the Levites before the Lord; and the children of Israel shall lay their hands upon the Levites. [11]And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the Lord for a wave-offering from the children of Israel, that they may be to do the service of the Lord. [12]And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks; and offer thou the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, unto the Lord, to make atonement for the Levites. [13]And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for a wave-offering unto the Lord. [14]Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be Mine. [15]And after that shall the Levites go in to do the service of the tent of meeting; and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for a wave-offering. [16]For they are wholly given unto Me from among the children of Israel; instead of all that openeth the womb, even the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto Me. [17]For all the first-born among the children of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for Myself. [18]And I have taken the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel. [19]And I have given the Levites— they are given to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel, that there be no plague among the children of Israel, through the children of Israel coming nigh unto the sanctuary.' [20]Thus did Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the Levites; according unto all that the Lord commanded Moses touching the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them. [21]And the Levites purified themselves, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them for a sacred gift before the Lord; and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse them. [22]And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons; as the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

[23]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [24]'This is that which pertaineth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in to perform the service in the work of the tent of meeting; [25]and from the age of fifty years they shall return from the service of the work, and shall serve no more; [26]but shall minister with their brethren in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, but they shall do no manner of service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charges.'

9 And the LORD spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying: 2'Let the children of Israel keep the passover in its appointed season. 3In the fourteenth day of this month, at dusk, ye shall keep it in its appointed season; according to all the statutes of it, and according to all the ordinances thereof, shall ye keep it.' 4And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover. 5And they kept the passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at dusk, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel. 6But there were certain men, who were unclean by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day; and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day. 7And those men said unto him: 'We are unclean by the dead body of a man; wherefore are we to be kept back, so as not to bring the offering of the LORD in its appointed season among the children of Israel?' 8And Moses said unto them: 'Stay ye, that I may hear what the LORD will command concerning you.'

9And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: 10'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying: If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD; 11in the second month on the fourteenth day at dusk they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs; 12they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break a bone thereof; according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep it. 13But the man that is clean, and is not on a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he brought not the offering of the LORD in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the LORD: according to the statute of the passover, and according to the ordinance thereof, so shall he do; ye shall have one statute, both for the stranger, and for him that is born in the land.'

15And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tent of the testimony; and at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. 16So it was alway: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. 17And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the children of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel encamped. 18At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they

encamped: as long as the cloud abode
upon the tabernacle they remained
encamped. [19]And when the cloud
tarried upon the tabernacle many days,
then the children of Israel kept the
charge of the Lord, and journeyed not.
[20]And sometimes the cloud was a few
days upon the tabernacle; according to
the commandment of the Lord they
remained encamped, and according to
the commandment of the Lord they
journeyed. [21]And sometimes the cloud
was from evening until morning; and
when the cloud was taken up in the
morning, they journeyed; or if it
continued by day and by night, when
the cloud was taken up, they
journeyed. [22]Whether it were two days,
or a month, or a year, that the cloud
tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding
thereon, the children of Israel
remained encamped, and journeyed
not; but when it was taken up, they
journeyed. [23]At the commandment of
the Lord they encamped, and at the
commandment of the Lord they
journeyed; they kept the charge of the
Lord, at the commandment of the
Lord by the hand of Moses.

10 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: [2]'Make thee
two trumpets of silver; of beaten work
shalt thou make them; and they shall
be unto thee for the calling of the
congregation, and for causing the
camps to set forward. [3]And when they
shall blow with them, all the
congregation shall gather themselves
unto thee at the door of the tent of
meeting. [4]And if they blow but with
one, then the princes, the heads of the
thousands of Israel, shall gather
themselves unto thee. [5]And when ye
blow an alarm, the camps that lie on
the east side shall take their journey.
[6]And when ye blow an alarm the
second time, the camps that lie on the
south side shall set forward; they shall
blow an alarm for their journeys. [7]But
when the assembly is to be gathered
together, ye shall blow, but ye shall
not sound an alarm. [8]And the sons of
Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the
trumpets; and they shall be to you for a
statute for ever throughout your
generations. [9]And when ye go to war
in your land against the adversary that
oppresseth you, then ye shall sound an
alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall
be remembered before the Lord your
God, and ye shall be saved from your
enemies. [10]Also in the day of your
gladness, and in your appointed
seasons, and in your new moons, ye
shall blow with the trumpets over your
burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices
of your peace-offerings; and they shall
be to you for a memorial before your
God: I am the Lord your God.'

[11]And it came to pass in the second
year, in the second month, on the
twentieth day of the month, that the
cloud was taken up from over the
tabernacle of the testimony. [12]And the
children of Israel set forward by their
stages out of the wilderness of Sinai;

and the cloud abode in the wilderness
of Paran.—13And they took their first
journey, according to the
commandment of the Lord by the hand
of Moses. 14And in the first place the
standard of the camp of the children of
Judah set forward according to their
hosts; and over his host was Nahshon
the son of Amminadab. 15And over the
host of the tribe of the children of
Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar.
16And over the host of the tribe of the
children of Zebulun was Eliab the son
of Helon. 17And the tabernacle was
taken down; and the sons of Gershon
and the sons of Merari, who bore the
tabernacle, set forward. 18And the
standard of the camp of Reuben set
forward according to their hosts; and
over his host was Elizur the son of
Shedeur. 19And over the host of the
tribe of the children of Simeon was
Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.
20And over the host of the tribe of the
children of Gad was Eliasaph the son
of Deuel. 21And the Kohathites the
bearers of the sanctuary set forward,
that the tabernacle might be set up
against their coming. 22And the
standard of the camp of the children of
Ephraim set forward according to their
hosts; and over his host was Elishama
the son of Ammihud. 23And over the
host of the tribe of the children of
Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of
Pedahzur. 24And over the host of the
tribe of the children of Benjamin was
Abidan the son of Gideoni. 25And the
standard of the camp of the children of
Dan, which was the rearward of all the
camps, set forward according to their
hosts; and over his host was Ahiezer
the son of Ammishaddai. 26And over
the host of the tribe of the children of
Asher was Pagiel the son of Ochran.
27And over the host of the tribe of the
children of Naphtali was Ahira the son
of Enan. 28Thus were the journeyings
of the children of Israel according to
their hosts.—And they set forward.

29And Moses said unto Hobab, the
son of Reuel the Midianite,
Moses'father-in-law: 'We are
journeying unto the place of which the
Lord said: I will give it you; come
thou with us, and we will do thee
good; for the Lord hath spoken good
concerning Israel.' 30And he said unto
him: 'I will not go; but I will depart to
mine own land, and to my kindred.'
31And he said: 'Leave us not, I pray
thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how
we are to encamp in the wilderness,
and thou shalt be to us instead of eyes.
32And it shall be, if thou go with us,
yea, it shall be, that what good soever
the Lord shall do unto us, the same
will we do unto thee.'

33And they set forward from the
mount of the Lord three days'journey;
and the ark of the covenant of the Lord
went before them three days'journey,
to seek out a resting-place for them.
34And the cloud of the Lord was over
them by day, when they set forward
from the camp.

35And it came to pass, when the ark
set forward, that Moses said: 'Rise up,

O Lord, and let Thine enemies be
scattered; and let them that hate Thee
flee before Thee.' [36]And when it
rested, he said: 'Return, O Lord, unto
the ten thousands of the families of
Israel.'

11 And the people were as
murmurers, speaking evil in
the ears of the Lord; and when the
Lord heard it, His anger was kindled;
and the fire of the Lord burnt among
them, and devoured in the uttermost
part of the camp. [2]And the people cried
unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto
the Lord, and the fire abated. [3]And the
name of that place was called
[a]Taberah, because the fire of the Lord
burnt among them.

[4]And the mixed multitude that was
among them fell a lusting; and the
children of Israel also wept on their
part, and said: 'Would that we were
given flesh to eat! [5]We remember the
fish, which we were wont to eat in
Egypt for nought; the cucumbers, and
the melons, and the leeks, and the
onions, and the garlic; [6]but now our
soul is dried away; there is nothing at
all; we have nought save this manna to
look to.'—[7]Now the manna was like
coriander seed, and the appearance
thereof as the appearance of bdellium.
[8]The people went about, and gathered
it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in
mortars, and seethed it in pots, and
made cakes of it; and the taste of it
was as the taste of a cake baked with
oil. [9]And when the dew fell upon the
camp in the night, the manna fell upon
it.—[10]And Moses heard the people
weeping, family by family, every man
at the door of his tent; and the anger of
the Lord was kindled greatly; and
Moses was displeased. [11]And Moses
said unto the Lord: 'Wherefore hast
Thou dealt ill with Thy servant? and
wherefore have I not found favour in
Thy sight, that Thou layest the burden
of all this people upon me? [12]Have I
conceived all this people? have I
brought them forth, that Thou
shouldest say unto me: Carry them in
thy bosom, as a nursing-father carrieth
the sucking child, unto the land which
Thou didst swear unto their fathers?
[13]Whence should I have flesh to give
unto all this people? for they trouble
me with their weeping, saying: Give us
flesh, that we may eat. [14]I am not able
to bear all this people myself alone,
because it is too heavy for me. [15]And if
Thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray
Thee, out of hand, if I have found
favour in Thy sight; and let me not
look upon my wretchedness.'

[16]And the Lord said unto Moses:
'Gather unto Me seventy men of the
elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to
be the elders of the people, and
officers over them; and bring them
unto the tent of meeting, that they may
stand there with thee. [17]And I will
come down and speak with thee there;
and I will take of the spirit which is
upon thee, and will put it upon them;
and they shall bear the burden of the

[a] That is, *Burning*.

people with thee, that thou bear it not
thyself alone. 18And say thou unto the
people: Sanctify yourselves against to-
morrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for ye
have wept in the ears of the LORD,
saying: Would that we were given
flesh to eat! for it was well with us in
Egypt; therefore the LORD will give
you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19Ye shall
not eat one day, nor two days, nor five
days, neither ten days, nor twenty
days; 20but a whole month, until it
come out at your nostrils, and it be
loathsome unto you; because that ye
have rejected the LORD who is among
you, and have troubled Him with
weeping, saying: Why, now, came we
forth out of Egypt?' 21And Moses said:
'The people, among whom I am, are
six hundred thousand men on foot; and
yet Thou hast said: I will give them
flesh, that they may eat a whole
month! 22If flocks and herds be slain
for them, will they suffice them? or if
all the fish of the sea be gathered
together for them, will they suffice
them?' 23And the LORD said unto
Moses: 'Is the LORD'S hand waxed
short? now shalt thou see whether My
word shall come to pass unto thee or
not.'

24And Moses went out, and told the
people the words of the LORD; and he
gathered seventy men of the elders of
the people, and set them round about
the Tent. 25And the LORD came down
in the cloud, and spoke unto him, and
took of the spirit that was upon him,
and put it upon the seventy elders; and
it came to pass, that, when the spirit
rested upon them, they prophesied, but
they did so no more. 26But there
remained two men in the camp, the
name of the one was Eldad, and the
name of the other Medad; and the
spirit rested upon them; and they were
of them that were recorded, but had
not gone out unto the Tent; and they
prophesied in the camp. 27And there
ran a young man, and told Moses, and
said: 'Eldad and Medad are
prophesying in the camp.' 28And
Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of
Moses from his youth up, answered
and said: 'My lord Moses, shut them
in.' 29And Moses said unto him: 'Art
thou jealous for my sake? would that
all the LORD'S people were prophets,
that the LORD would put His spirit
upon them! ' 30And Moses withdrew
into the camp, he and the elders of
Israel.

31And there went forth a wind from
the LORD, and brought across quails
from the sea, and let them fall by the
camp, about a day's journey on this
side, and a day's journey on the other
side, round about the camp, and about
two cubits above the face of the earth.
32And the people rose up all that day,
and all the night, and all the next day,
and gathered the quails; he that
gathered least gathered ten heaps; and
they spread them all abroad for
themselves round about the camp.
33While the flesh was yet between their
teeth, ere it was chewed, the anger of
the LORD was kindled against the

people, and the Lord smote the people with a very great plague. [34]And the name of that place was called Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people that lusted. [35]From [a]Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.

12 And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. [2]And they said: ‘Hath the Lord indeed spoken only with Moses? hath He not spoken also with us?’ And the Lord heard it.— [3]Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.— [4]And the Lord spoke suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam: ‘Come out ye three unto the tent of meeting.’ And they three came out. [5]And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam; and they both came forth. [6]And He said: ‘Hear now My words: if there be a prophet among you, I the Lord do make Myself known unto him in a vision, I do speak with him in a dream. [7]My servant Moses is not so; he is trusted in all My house; [8]with him do I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord doth he behold; wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against My servant, against Moses?’ [9]And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and He departed. [10]And when the cloud was removed from over the Tent, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam; and, behold, she was leprous. [11]And Aaron said unto Moses: ‘Oh my lord, lay not, I pray thee, sin upon us, for that we have done foolishly, and for that we have sinned. [12]Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother’s womb.’ [13]And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying: ‘Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee.’

[14]And the Lord said unto Moses: ‘If her father had but spit in her face, should she not hide in shame seven days? let her be shut up without the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought in again.’ [15]And Miriam was shut up without the camp seven days; and the people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in again. [16]And afterward the people journeyed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

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13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]’Send thou men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a prince among them.’ [3]And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran

[a] That is, *The graves of lust*.

according to the commandment of the LORD; all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. 4And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. 5Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. 6Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. 9Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi. 12Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. 16These are the names of the men that Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua. 17And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them: ‘Get you up here into the South, and go up into the mountains; 18and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they are strong or weak, whether they are few or many; 19and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it is good or bad; and what cities they are that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land.’—Now the time was the time of the first-ripe grapes.— 21So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, at the entrance to Hamath. 22And they went up into the South, and came unto Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were there.—Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.— 23And they came unto the valley of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it upon a pole between two; they took also of the pomegranates, and of the figs.— 24That place was called the valley of [a]Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from thence.— 25And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. 26And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27And they told him, and said: ‘We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28Howbeit the people that dwell in the land are fierce, and the cities are fortified, and very great; and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. 29Amalek dwelleth in the land of the South; and the Hittite, and

[a] That is, *a cluster*.

the Jebusite, and the Amorite, dwell in
the mountains; and the Canaanite
dwelleth by the sea, and along by the
side of the Jordan.’ [30]And Caleb stilled
the people toward Moses, and said:
‘We should go up at once, and possess
it; for we are well able to overcome it.’
[31]But the men that went up with him
said: ‘We are not able to go up against
the people; for they are stronger than
we.’ [32]And they spread an evil report
of the land which they had spied out
unto the children of Israel, saying:
‘The land, through which we have
passed to spy it out, is a land that
eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and
all the people that we saw in it are men
of great stature. [33]And there we saw
the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who
come of the Nephilim; and we were in
our own sight as grasshoppers, and so
we were in their sight.’

14 And all the congregation lifted
up their voice, and cried; and
the people wept that night. [2]And all the
children of Israel murmured against
Moses and against Aaron; and the
whole congregation said unto them:
‘Would that we had died in the land of
Egypt! or would we had died in this
wilderness! [3]And wherefore doth the
LORD bring us unto this land, to fall by
the sword? Our wives and our little
ones will be a prey; were it not better
for us to return into Egypt?’ [4]And they
said one to another: ‘Let us make a
captain, and let us return into Egypt.’
[5]Then Moses and Aaron fell on their
faces before all the assembly of the
congregation of the children of Israel.
[6]And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb
the son of Jephunneh, who were of
them that spied out the land, rent their
clothes. [7]And they spoke unto all the
congregation of the children of Israel,
saying: ‘The land, which we passed
through to spy it out, is an exceeding
good land. [8]If the LORD delight in us,
then He will bring us into this land,
and give it unto us—a land which
floweth with milk and honey. [9]Only
rebel not against the LORD, neither fear
ye the people of the land; for they are
bread for us; their defence is removed
from over them, and the LORD is with
us; fear them not.’ [10]But all the
congregation bade stone them with
stones, when the glory of the LORD
appeared in the tent of meeting unto all
the children of Israel.

[11]And the LORD said unto Moses:
‘How long will this people despise
Me? and how long will they not
believe in Me, for all the signs which I
have wrought among them? [12]I will
smite them with the pestilence, and
destroy them, and will make of thee a
nation greater and mightier than they.’
[13]And Moses said unto the LORD:
‘When the Egyptians shall hear—for
Thou broughtest up this people in Thy
might from among them—[14]they will
say to the inhabitants of this land, who
have heard that Thou LORD art in the
midst of this people; inasmuch as
Thou LORD art seen face to face, and
Thy cloud standeth over them, and
Thou goest before them, in a pillar of

cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by
night; [15]now if Thou shalt kill this
people as one man, then the nations
which have heard the fame of Thee
will speak, saying: [16]Because the LORD
was not able to bring this people into
the land which He swore unto them,
therefore He hath slain them in the
wilderness. [17]And now, I pray Thee,
let the power of the Lord be great,
according as Thou hast spoken,
saying: [18]The LORD is slow to anger,
and plenteous in lovingkindness,
forgiving iniquity and transgression,
and that will by no means clear the
guilty; visiting the iniquity of the
fathers upon the children, upon the
third and upon the fourth generation.
[19]Pardon, I pray Thee, the iniquity of
this people according unto the
greatness of Thy lovingkindness, and
according as Thou hast forgiven this
people, from Egypt even until now.'
[20]And the LORD said: 'I have pardoned
according to thy word'[21]But in very
deed, as I live—and all the earth shall
be filled with the glory of the LORD—
[22]surely all those men that have seen
My glory, and My signs, which I
wrought in Egypt and in the
wilderness, yet have put Me to proof
these ten times, and have not
hearkened to My voice; [23]surely they
shall not see the land which I swore
unto their fathers, neither shall any of
them that despised Me see it. [24]But My
servant Caleb, because he had another
spirit with him, and hath followed Me
fully, him will I bring into the land
whereinto he went; and his seed shall
possess it. [25]Now the Amalekite and
the Canaanite dwell in the Vale;
tomorrow turn ye, and get you into the
wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.'

[26]And the LORD spoke unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying: [27]'How long
shall I bear with this evil congregation,
that keep murmuring against Me? I
have heard the murmurings of the
children of Israel, which they keep
murmuring against Me. [28]Say unto
them: As I live, saith the LORD, surely
as ye have spoken in Mine ears, so will
I do to you: [29]your carcasses shall fall
in this wilderness, and all that were
numbered of you, according to your
whole number, from twenty years old
and upward, ye that have murmured
against Me; [30]surely ye shall not come
into the land, concerning which I lifted
up My hand that I would make you
dwell therein, save Caleb the son of
Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.
[31]But your little ones, that ye said
would be a prey, them will I bring in,
and they shall know the land which ye
have rejected. [32]But as for you, your
carcasses shall fall in this wilderness.
[33]And your children shall be wanderers
in the wilderness forty years, and shall
bear your strayings, until your
carcasses be consumed in the
wilderness. [34]After the number of the
days in which ye spied out the land,
even forty days, for every day a year,
shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty
years, and ye shall know My
displeasure. [35]I the LORD have spoken,

surely this will I do unto all this evil
congregation, that are gathered
together against Me; in this wilderness
they shall be consumed, and there they
shall die.' 36And the men, whom
Moses sent to spy out the land, and
who, when they returned, made all the
congregation to murmur against him,
by bringing up an evil report against
the land, 37even those men that did
bring up an evil report of the land, died
by the plague before the LORD. 38But
Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the
son of Jephunneh, remained alive of
those men that went to spy out the
land. 39And Moses told these words
unto all the children of Israel; and the
people mourned greatly. 40And they
rose up early in the morning, and got
them up to the top of the mountain,
saying: 'Lo, we are here, and will go
up unto the place which the LORD hath
promised; for we have sinned.' 41And
Moses said: 'Wherefore now do ye
transgress the commandment of the
LORD, seeing it shall not prosper? 42Go
not up, for the LORD is not among you;
that ye be not smitten down before
your enemies. 43For there the
Amalekite and the Canaanite are
before you, and ye shall fall by the
sword; forasmuch as ye are turned
back from following the LORD, and the
LORD will not be with you.' 44But they
presumed to go up to the top of the
mountain; nevertheless the ark of the
covenant of the LORD, and Moses,
departed not out of the camp. 45Then
the Amalekite and the Canaanite, who
dwelt in that hill-country, came down,
and smote them and beat them down,
even unto Hormah.

15 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2Speak unto
the children of Israel, and say unto
them:

When ye are come into the land of
your habitations, which I give unto
you, 3and will make an offering by fire
unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, or a
sacrifice, in fulfilment of a vow clearly
uttered, or as a freewill-offering, or in
your appointed seasons, to make a
sweet savour unto the LORD, of the
herd, or of the flock; 4then shall he that
bringeth his offering present unto the
LORD a meal-offering of a tenth part of
an ephah of fine flour mingled with the
fourth part of a hin of oil; 5and wine
for the drink-offering, the fourth part
of a hin, shalt thou prepare with the
burnt-offering or for the sacrifice, for
each lamb. 6Or for a ram, thou shalt
prepare for a meal-offering two tenth
parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled
with the third part of a hin of oil; 7and
for the drink-offering thou shalt
present the third part of a hin of wine,
of a sweet savour unto the LORD. 8And
when thou preparest a bullock for a
burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice, in
fulfilment of a vow clearly uttered, or
for peace-offerings unto the LORD;
9then shall there be presented with the
bullock a meal-offering of three tenth
parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled
with half a hin of oil. 10And thou shalt

present for the drink-offering half a
hin of wine, for an offering made by
fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.
[11]Thus shall it be done for each
bullock, or for each ram, or for each of
the he-lambs, or of the kids.
[12]According to the number that ye may
prepare, so shall ye do for every one
according to their number. [13]All that
are home-born shall do these things
after this manner, in presenting an
offering made by fire, of a sweet
savour unto the Lord. [14]And if a
stranger sojourn with you, or
whosoever may be among you,
throughout your generations, and will
offer an offering made by fire, of a
sweet savour unto the Lord; as ye do,
so he shall do. [15]As for the
congregation, there shall be one statute
both for you, and for the stranger that
sojourneth with you, a statute for ever
throughout your generations; as ye are,
so shall the stranger be before the
Lord. [16]One law and one ordinance
shall be both for you, and for the
stranger that sojourneth with you.

[17]And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: [18]Speak unto the children of
Israel, and say unto them:

When ye come into the land whither
I bring you, [19]then it shall be, that,
when ye eat of the bread of the land,
ye shall set apart a portion for a gift
unto the Lord. [20]Of the first of your
dough ye shall set apart a cake for a
gift; as that which is set apart of the
threshing-floor, so shall ye set it apart.
[21]Of the first of your dough ye shall
give unto the Lord a portion for a gift
throughout your generations.

[22]And when ye shall err, and not
observe all these commandments,
which the Lord hath spoken unto
Moses, [23]even all that the Lord hath
commanded you by the hand of
Moses, from the day that the Lord
gave commandment, and onward
throughout your generations; [24]then it
shall be, if it be done in error by the
congregation, it being hid from their
eyes, that all the congregation shall
offer one young bullock for a burnt-
offering, for a sweet savour unto the
Lord—with the meal-offering thereof,
and the drink-offering thereof,
according to the ordinance—and one
he-goat for a sin-offering. [25]And the
priest shall make atonement for all the
congregation of the children of Israel,
and they shall be forgiven; for it was
an error, and they have brought their
offering, an offering made by fire unto
the Lord, and their sin-offering before
the Lord, for their error. [26]And all the
congregation of the children of Israel
shall be forgiven, and the stranger that
sojourneth among them; for in respect
of all the people it was done in error.

[27]And if one person sin through
error, then he shall offer a she-goat of
the first year for a sin-offering. [28]And
the priest shall make atonement for the
soul that erreth, when he sinneth
through error, before the Lord, to
make atonement for him; and he shall

be forgiven, [29]both he that is home-born among the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them: ye shall have one law for him that doeth aught in error. [30]But the soul that doeth aught with a high hand, whether he be home-born or a stranger, the same blasphemeth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. [31]Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken His commandment; that soul shall utterly be cut off, his iniquity shall be upon him.

[32]And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks upon the sabbath day. [33]And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. [34]And they put him in ward, because it had not been declared what should be done to him. [35]And the LORD said unto Moses: 'The man shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.' [36]And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died, as the LORD commanded Moses.

[37]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [38]'Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them throughout their generations fringes in the corners of their garments, and that they put with the fringe of each corner a thread of blue. [39]And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye go not about after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go astray; [40]that ye may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy unto your God. [41]I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.'

## קרח

**16** Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; [2]and they rose up in face of Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty men; they were princes of the congregation, the elect men of the assembly, men of renown; [3]and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them: 'Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them; wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?' [4]And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face. [5]And he spoke unto Korah and unto all his company, saying: 'In the morning the LORD will show who are His, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near unto Him; even him whom He may choose will He cause to come near unto Him.

6 This do: take you censors, Korah, and
all his company; 7 and put fire therein,
and put incense upon them before the
Lord to-morrow; and it shall be that
the man whom the Lord doth choose,
he shall be holy; ye take too much
upon you, ye sons of Levi.’ 8 And
Moses said unto Korah: ‘Hear now, ye
sons of Levi: 9 is it but a small thing
unto you, that the God of Israel hath
separated you from the congregation
of Israel, to bring you near to Himself,
to do the service of the tabernacle of
the Lord, and to stand before the
congregation to minister unto them;
10 and that He hath brought thee near,
and all thy brethren the sons of Levi
with thee? and will ye seek the
priesthood also? 11 Therefore thou and
all thy company that are gathered
together against the Lord—; and as to
Aaron, what is he that ye murmur
against him?’ 12 And Moses sent to call
Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab;
and they said: ‘We will not come up;
13 is it a small thing that thou hast
brought us up out of a land flowing
with milk and honey, to kill us in the
wilderness, but thou must needs make
thyself also a prince over us?
14 Moreover thou hast not brought us
into a land flowing with milk and
honey, nor given us inheritance of
fields and vineyards; wilt thou put out
the eyes of these men? we will not
come up.’ 15 And Moses was very
wroth, and said unto the Lord:
‘Respect not thou their offering; I have
not taken one ass from them, neither
have I hurt one of them.’ 16 And Moses
said unto Korah: ‘Be thou and all thy
congregation before the Lord, thou,
and they, and Aaron, to-morrow; 17 and
take ye every man his fire-pan, and put
incense upon them, and bring ye
before the Lord every man his fire-
pan, two hundred and fifty fire-pans;
thou also, and Aaron, each his fire-
pan.’ 18 And they took every man his
fire-pan, and put fire in them, and laid
incense thereon, and stood at the door
of the tent of meeting with Moses and
Aaron. 19 And Korah assembled all the
congregation against them unto the
door of the tent of meeting; and the
glory of the Lord appeared unto all the
congregation.

20 And the Lord spoke unto Moses
and unto Aaron, saying: 21 ’Separate
yourselves from among this
congregation, that I may consume
them in a moment.’ 22 And they fell
upon their faces, and said: ‘O God, the
God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one
man sin, and wilt Thou be wroth with
all the congregation?’

23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 24 ’Speak unto the
congregation, saying: Get you up from
about the dwelling of Korah, Dathan,
and Abiram.’ 25 And Moses rose up and
went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the
elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he
spoke unto the congregation, saying:
‘Depart, I pray you, from the tents of
these wicked men, and touch nothing
of theirs, lest ye be swept away in all
their sins.’ 27 So they got them up from

the dwelling of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side; and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. [28]And Moses said: ‘Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works, and that I have not done them of mine own mind. [29]If these men die the common death of all men, and be visited after the visitation of all men, then the Lord hath not sent Me. [30]But if the Lord make a new thing, and the ground open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down alive into the pit, then ye shall understand that these men have despised the Lord.’ [31]And it came to pass, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground did cleave asunder that was under them. [32]And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. [33]So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit; and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly. [34]And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them; for they said: ‘Lest the earth swallow us up.’ [35]And fire came forth from the Lord, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.

17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]‘Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the fire-pans out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are become holy; [3]even the fire-pans of these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives, and let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar—for they are become holy, because they were offered before the Lord—that they may be a sign unto the children of Israel.’ [4]And Eleazar the priest took the brazen fire-pans, which they that were burnt had offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the altar, [5]to be a memorial unto the children of Israel, to the end that no common man, that is not of the seed of Aaron, draw near to burn incense before the Lord; that he fare not as Korah, and as his company; as the Lord spoke unto him by the hand of Moses.

[6]But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying: ‘Ye have killed the people of the Lord.’ [7]And it came to pass, when the congregation was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tent of meeting; and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. [8]And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting. [9]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [10]’Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.’ And they fell upon their faces. [11]And Moses said

unto Aaron: ‘Take thy fire-pan, and put fire therein from off the altar, and lay incense thereon, and carry it quickly unto the congregation, and make atonement for them; for there is wrath gone out from the Lord: the plague is begun.’ [12]And Aaron took as Moses spoke, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people; and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people. [13]And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. [14]Now they that died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the matter of Korah. [15]And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tent of meeting, and the plague was stayed.

[16]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [17]‘Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of them rods, one for each fathers’house, of all their princes according to their fathers’houses, twelve rods; thou shalt write every man’s name upon his rod. [18]And thou shalt write Aaron’s name upon the rod of Levi, for there shall be one rod for the head of their fathers’houses. [19]And thou shalt lay them up in the tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. [20]And it shall come to pass, that the man whom I shall choose, his rod shall bud; and I will make to cease from Me the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you.’ [21]And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel; and all their princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers’houses, even twelve rods; and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. [22]And Moses laid up the rods before the Lord in the tent of the testimony. [23]And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and put forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and bore ripe almonds. [24]And Moses brought out all the rods from before the Lord unto all the children of Israel; and they looked, and took every man his rod.

[25]and the Lord said unto Moses: ‘Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept there, for a token against the rebellious children; that there may be made an end of their murmurings against Me, that they die not.’ [26]Thus did Moses; as the Lord commanded him, so did he.

[27]And the children of Israel spoke unto Moses, saying: ‘Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. [28]Every one that cometh near, that cometh near unto the tabernacle of the Lord, is to die; shall we wholly perish?’

18 And the Lord said unto Aaron: ‘Thou and thy sons and thy fathers’house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. [2]And thy brethren also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou near with

thee, that they may be joined unto
thee, and minister unto thee, thou and
thy sons with thee being before the
tent of the testimony. [3]And they shall
keep thy charge, and the charge of all
the Tent; only they shall not come nigh
unto the holy furniture and unto the
altar, that they die not, neither they,
nor ye. [4]And they shall be joined unto
thee, and keep the charge of the tent of
meeting, whatsoever the service of the
Tent may be; but a common man shall
not draw nigh unto you. [5]And ye shall
keep the charge of the holy things, and
the charge of the altar, that there be
wrath no more upon the children of
Israel. [6]And I, behold, I have taken
your brethren the Levites from among
the children of Israel; for you they are
given as a gift unto the LORD, to do the
service of the tent of meeting. [7]And
thou and thy sons with thee shall keep
your priesthood in everything that
pertaineth to the altar, and to that
within the veil; and ye shall serve; I
give you the priesthood as a service of
gift; and the common man that
draweth nigh shall be put to death.’

[8]And the LORD spoke unto Aaron:
‘And I, behold, I have given thee the
charge of My heave-offerings; even of
all the hallowed things of the children
of Israel unto thee have I given them
for a consecrated portion, and to thy
sons, as a due for ever. [9]This shall be
thine of the most holy things, reserved
from the fire: every offering of theirs,
even every meal-offering of theirs, and
every sin-offering of theirs, and every
guilt-offering of theirs, which they
may render unto Me, shall be most
holy for thee and for thy sons. [10]In a
most holy place shalt thou eat thereof;
every male may eat thereof; it shall be
holy unto thee. [11]And this is thine: the
heave-offering of their gift, even all
the wave-offerings of the children of
Israel; I have given them unto thee,
and to thy sons and to thy daughters
with thee, as a due for ever; every one
that is clean in thy house may eat
thereof. [12]All the best of the oil, and all
the best of the wine, and of the corn,
the first part of them which they give
unto the LORD, to thee have I given
them. [13]The first-ripe fruits of all that
is in their land, which they bring unto
the LORD, shall be thine; every one that
is clean in thy house may eat thereof.
[14]Every thing devoted in Israel shall be
thine. [15]Every thing that openeth the
womb, of all flesh which they offer
unto the LORD, both of man and beast,
shall be thine; howbeit the first-born of
man shalt thou surely redeem, and the
firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou
redeem. [16]And their redemption-
money—from a month old shalt thou
redeem them—shall be, according to
thy valuation, five shekels of silver,
after the shekel of the sanctuary—the
same is twenty gerahs. [17]But the
firstling of an ox, or the firstling of a
sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou
shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou
shalt dash their blood against the altar,
and shalt make their fat smoke for an
offering made by fire, for a sweet

savour unto the Lord. [18]And the flesh
of them shall be thine, as the wave-
breast and as the right thigh, it shall be
thine. [19]All the heave-offerings of the
holy things, which the children of
Israel offer unto the Lord, have I given
thee, and thy sons and thy daughters
with thee, as a due for ever; it is an
everlasting covenant of salt before the
Lord unto thee and to thy seed with
thee.'

[20]And the Lord said unto Aaron:
'Thou shalt have no inheritance in
their land, neither shalt thou have any
portion among them; I am thy portion
and thine inheritance among the
children of Israel. [21]And unto the
children of Levi, behold, I have given
all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance,
in return for their service which they
serve, even the service of the tent of
meeting. [22]And henceforth the children
of Israel shall not come nigh the tent
of meeting, lest they bear sin, and die.
[23]But the Levites alone shall do the
service of the tent of meeting, and they
shall bear their iniquity; it shall be a
statute for ever throughout your
generations, and among the children of
Israel they shall have no inheritance.
[24]For the tithe of the children of Israel,
which they set apart as a gift unto the
Lord, I have given to the Levites for
an inheritance; therefore I have said
unto them: Among the children of
Israel they shall have no inheritance.'

[25]And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: [26]'Moreover thou shalt speak
unto the Levites, and say unto them:
When ye take of the children of Israel
the tithe which I have given you from
them for your inheritance, then ye
shall set apart of it a gift for the Lord,
even a tithe of the tithe. [27]And the gift
which ye set apart shall be reckoned
unto you, as though it were the corn of
the threshing-floor, and as the fulness
of the wine-press. [28]Thus ye also shall
set apart a gift unto the Lord of all
your tithes, which ye receive of the
children of Israel; and thereof ye shall
give the gift which is set apart unto the
Lord to Aaron the priest. [29]Out of all
that is given you ye shall set apart all
of that which is due unto the Lord, of
all the best thereof, even the hallowed
part thereof out of it. [30]Therefore thou
shalt say unto them: When ye set apart
the best thereof from it, then it shall be
counted unto the Levites as the
increase of the threshing-floor, and as
the increase of the wine-press. [31]And
ye may eat it in every place, ye and
your households; for it is your reward
in return for your service in the tent of
meeting. [32]And ye shall bear no sin by
reason of it, seeing that ye have set
apart from it the best thereof; and ye
shall not profane the holy things of the
children of Israel, that ye die not.'

## חקת

19 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses and unto Aaron,
saying:

[2]This is the statute of the law which
the Lord hath commanded, saying:
Speak unto the children of Israel, that

they bring thee a red heifer, faultless, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke. 3And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, and she shall be brought forth without the camp, and she shall be slain before his face. 4And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. 5And the heifer shall be burnt in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall be burnt. 6And the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. 7Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. 8And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. 9And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of sprinkling; it is a purification from sin. 10And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even; and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever. 11He that toucheth the dead, even any man's dead body, shall be unclean seven days; 12the same shall purify himself therewith on the third day and on the seventh day, and he shall be clean; but if he purify not himself the third day and the seventh day, he shall not be clean. 13Whosoever toucheth the dead, even the body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself—he hath defiled the tabernacle of the LORD—that soul shall be cut off from Israel; because the water of sprinkling was not dashed against him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him. 14This is the law: when a man dieth in a tent, every one that cometh into the tent, and every thing that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15And every open vessel, which hath no covering close-bound upon it, is unclean. 16And whosoever in the open field toucheth one that is slain with a sword, or one that dieth of himself, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. 17And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the purification from sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel. 18And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the grave. 19And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall purify him; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. 20But the

man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the Lord; the water of sprinkling hath not been dashed against him: he is unclean. [21]And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them; and he that sprinkleth the water of sprinkling shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until even. [22]And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth him shall be unclean until even.

20 And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month; and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. [2]And there was no water for the congregation; and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. [3]And the people strove with Moses, and spoke, saying: ‘Would that we had perished when our brethren perished before the Lord! [4]And why have ye brought the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, to die there, we and our cattle? [5]And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.’ [6]And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tent of meeting, and fell upon their faces; and the glory of the Lord appeared unto them. [7]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [8]’Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, that it give forth its water; and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; so thou shalt give the congregation and their cattle drink.’ [9]And Moses took the rod from before the Lord, as He commanded him. [10]And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said unto them: ‘Hear now, ye rebels; are we to bring you forth water out of this rock?’ [11]And Moses lifted up his hand, and smote the rock with his rod twice; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle. [12]And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron: ‘Because ye believed not in Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’ [13]These are the waters of [a]Meribah, where the children of Israel strove with the Lord, and He was sanctified in them.

[14]And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom: ‘Thus saith thy brother Israel: Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us; [15]how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with

[a] That is, *Strife*.

us, and our fathers; [16]and when we
cried unto the LORD, He heard our
voice, and sent an angel, and brought
us forth out of Egypt; and, behold, we
are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost
of thy border. [17]Let us pass, I pray
thee, through thy land; we will not
pass through field or through vineyard,
neither will we drink of the water of
the wells; we will go along the king's
highway, we will not turn aside to the
right hand nor to the left, until we have
passed thy border.' [18]And Edom said
unto him: 'Thou shalt not pass through
me, lest I come out with the sword
against thee.' [19]And the children of
Israel said unto him: 'We will go up
by the highway; and if we drink of thy
water, I and my cattle, then will I give
the price thereof; let me only pass
through on my feet; there is no hurt.'
[20]And he said: 'Thou shalt not pass
through.' And Edom came out against
him with much people, and with a
strong hand. [21]Thus Edom refused to
give Israel passage through his border;
wherefore Israel turned away from
him.

[22]And they journeyed from Kadesh;
and the children of Israel, even the
whole congregation, came unto mount
Hor. [23]And the LORD spoke unto Moses
and Aaron in mount Hor, by the border
of the land of Edom, saying: [24]'Aaron
shall be gathered unto his people; for
he shall not enter into the land which I
have given unto the children of Israel,
because ye rebelled against My word
at the waters of Meribah. [25]Take Aaron
and Eleazar his son, and bring them up
unto mount Hor. [26]And strip Aaron of
his garments, and put them upon
Eleazar his son; and Aaron shall be
gathered unto his people, and shall die
there.' [27]And Moses did as the LORD
commanded; and they went up into
mount Hor in the sight of all the
congregation. [28]And Moses stripped
Aaron of his garments, and put them
upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died
there in the top of the mount; and
Moses and Eleazar came down from
the mount. [29]And when all the
congregation saw that Aaron was
dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days,
even all the house of Israel.

21 And the Canaanite, the king of
Arad, who dwelt in the South,
heard tell that Israel came by the way
of Atharim; and he fought against
Israel, and took some of them captive.
[2]And Israel vowed a vow unto the
LORD, and said: 'If Thou wilt indeed
deliver this people into my hand, then
I will utterly destroy their cities.' [3]And
the LORD hearkened to the voice of
Israel, and delivered up the
Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed
them and their cities; and the name of
the place was called [a]Hormah.

[4]And they journeyed from mount
Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to
compass the land of Edom; and the
soul of the people became impatient
because of the way. [5]And the people

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[a] That is, *Utter destruction*.

spoke against God, and against Moses:
'Wherefore have ye brought us up out
of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for
there is no bread, and there is no
water; and our soul loatheth this light
bread.' [6]And the LORD sent fiery
serpents among the people, and they
bit the people; and much people of
Israel died. [7]And the people came to
Moses, and said: 'We have sinned,
because we have spoken against the
LORD, and against thee; pray unto the
LORD, that He take away the serpents
from us.' And Moses prayed for the
people. [8]And the LORD said unto
Moses: 'Make thee a fiery serpent, and
set it upon a pole; and it shall come to
pass, that every one that is bitten,
when he seeth it, shall live.' [9]And
Moses made a serpent of brass, and set
it upon the pole; and it came to pass,
that if a serpent had bitten any man,
when he looked unto the serpent of
brass, he lived. [10]And the children of
Israel journeyed, and pitched in Oboth.
[11]And they journeyed from Oboth, and
pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderness
which is in front of Moab, toward the
sun-rising. [12]From thence they
journeyed, and pitched in the valley of
Zered. [13]From thence they journeyed,
and pitched on the other side of the
Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that
cometh out of the border of the
Amorites.—For Arnon is the border of
Moab, between Moab and the
Amorites; [14]wherefore it is said in the
book of the Wars of the LORD:

Vaheb in Suphah,
And the valleys of Arnon,
[15]And the slope of the valleys
That inclineth toward the seat of Ar,
And leaneth upon the border of
Moab.—

[16]And from thence to [a]Beer; that is
the well whereof the LORD said unto
Moses: 'Gather the people together,
and I will give them water.' [17]Then
sang Israel this song:

Spring up, O well—sing ye unto
it—
[18]The well, which the princes
digged,
Which the nobles of the people
delved,
With the sceptre, and with their
staves.

And from the wilderness to
Mattanah; [19]and from Mattanah to
Nahaliel; and from Nahaliel to
Bamoth; [20]and from Bamoth to the
valley that is in the field of Moab, by
the top of Pisgah, which looketh down
upon the desert.

[21]And Israel sent messengers unto
Sihon king of the Amorites, saying:
[22]'Let me pass through thy land; we
will not turn aside into field, or into
vineyard; we will not drink of the
water of the wells; we will go by the
king's highway, until we have passed
thy border.' [23]And Sihon would not
suffer Israel to pass through his
border; but Sihon gathered all his
people together, and went out against
Israel into the wilderness, and came to

[a] That is, *A well*.

Jahaz; and he fought against Israel.
24 And Israel smote him with the edge
of the sword, and possessed his land
from the Arnon unto the Jabbok, even
unto the children of Ammon; for the
border of the children of Ammon was
strong. 25 And Israel took all these
cities; and Israel dwelt in all the cities
of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all
the towns thereof. 26 For Heshbon was
the city of Sihon the king of the
Amorites, who had fought against the
former king of Moab, and taken all his
land out of his hand, even unto the
Arnon. 27 Wherefore they that speak in
parables say:

Come ye to Heshbon!
Let the city of Sihon be built and
established!
28 For a fire is gone out of Heshbon,
A flame from the city of Sihon;
It hath devoured Ar of Moab,
The lords of the high places of
Arnon.
29 Woe to thee, Moab!
Thou art undone, O people of
Chemosh;
He hath given his sons as fugitives,
And his daughters into captivity,
Unto Sihon king of the Amorites.
30 We have shot at them—Heshbon
is perished—even unto Dibon,
And we have laid waste even unto
Nophah,
Which reacheth unto Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the
Amorites. 32 And Moses sent to spy out
Jazer, and they took the towns thereof,
and drove out the Amorites that were
there. 33 And they turned and went up
by the way of Bashan; and Og the king
of Bashan went out against them, he
and all his people, to battle at Edrei.
34 And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Fear
him not; for I have delivered him into
thy hand, and all his people, and his
land; and thou shalt do to him as thou
didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites,
who dwelt at Heshbon.’ 35 So they
smote him, and his sons, and all his
people, until there was none left him
remaining; and they possessed his
land.

22 And the children of Israel
journeyed, and pitched in the
plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at
Jericho.

## בלק

2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw
all that Israel had done to the
Amorites. 3 And Moab was sore afraid
of the people, because they were
many; and Moab was overcome with
dread because of the children of Israel.
4 And Moab said unto the elders of
Midian: ‘Now will this multitude lick
up all that is round about us, as the ox
licketh up the grass of the field.’—And
Balak the son of Zippor was king of
Moab at that time.— 5 And he sent
messengers unto Balaam the son of
Beor, to Pethor, which is by the River,
to the land of the children of his
people, to call him, saying: ‘Behold,
there is a people come out from Egypt;
behold, they cover the face of the
earth, and they abide over against me.
6 Come now therefore, I pray thee,

curse me this people; for they are too
mighty for me; peradventure I shall
prevail, that we may smite them, and
that I may drive them out of the land;
for I know that he whom thou blessest
is blessed, and he whom thou cursest
is cursed.’ 7And the elders of Moab
and the elders of Midian departed with
the rewards of divination in their hand;
and they came unto Balaam, and spoke
unto him the words of Balak. 8And he
said unto them: ‘Lodge here this night,
and I will bring you back word, as the
LORD may speak unto me’; and the
princes of Moab abode with Balaam.
9And God came unto Balaam, and
said: ‘What men are these with thee?’
10And Balaam said unto God: ‘Balak
the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath
sent unto me [saying]: 11Behold the
people that is come out of Egypt, it
covereth the face of the earth; now,
come curse me them; peradventure I
shall be able to fight against them, and
shall drive them out.’ 12And God said
unto Balaam: ‘Thou shalt not go with
them; thou shalt not curse the people;
for they are blessed.’ 13And Balaam
rose up in the morning, and said unto
the princes of Balak: ‘Get you into
your land; for the LORD refuseth to
give me leave to go with you.’ 14And
the princes of Moab rose up, and they
went unto Balak, and said: ‘Balaam
refuseth to come with us.’ 15And Balak
sent yet again princes, more, and more
honourable than they. 16And they came
to Balaam, and said to him: ‘Thus
saith Balak the son of Zippor: Let
nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from
coming unto me; 17for I will promote
thee unto very great honour, and
whatsoever thou sayest unto me I will
do; come therefore, I pray thee, curse
me this people.’ 18And Balaam
answered and said unto the servants of
Balak: ‘If Balak would give me his
house full of silver and gold, I cannot
go beyond the word of the LORD my
God, to do any thing, small or great.
19Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye
also here this night, that I may know
what the LORD will speak unto me
more.’ 20And God came unto Balaam
at night, and said unto him: ‘If the men
are come to call thee, rise up, go with
them; but only the word which I speak
unto thee, that shalt thou do.’ 21And
Balaam rose up in the morning, and
saddled his ass, and went with the
princes of Moab. 22And God’s anger
was kindled because he went; and the
angel of the LORD placed himself in the
way for an adversary against him.—
Now he was riding upon his ass, and
his two servants were with him.—
23And the ass saw the angel of the
LORD standing in the way, with his
sword drawn in his hand; and the ass
turned aside out of the way, and went
into the field; and Balaam smote the
ass, to turn her into the way. 24Then
the angel of the LORD stood in a hollow
way between the vineyards, a fence
being on this side, and a fence on that
side. 25And the ass saw the angel of the
LORD, and she thrust herself unto the
wall, and crushed Balaam’s foot

against the wall; and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. 27 And the ass saw the angel of the Lord, and she lay down under Balaam; and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with his staff. 28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam: 'What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?' 29 And Balaam said unto the ass: 'Because thou hast mocked me; I would there were a sword in my hand, for now I had killed thee.' 30 And the ass said unto Balaam: 'Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life long unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee?' And he said: 'Nay.' 31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed his head, and fell on his face. 32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him: 'Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is contrary unto me; 33 and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times; unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive.' 34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the Lord: 'I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me; now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back.' 35 And the angel of the Lord said unto Balaam: 'Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak.' So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. 36 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto Ir-moab, which is on the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border. 37 And Balak said unto Balaam: 'Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour?' 38 And Balaam said unto Balak: 'Lo, I am come unto thee; have I now any power at all to speak any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.' 39 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kiriath-huzoth. 40 And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him. 41 And it came to pass in the morning that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into Bamoth-baal, and he saw from thence the utmost part of the people.

23 And Balaam said unto Balak: 'Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams.' 2 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. 3 And Balaam said unto Balak: 'Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go; peradventure the Lord will come to meet me; and whatsoever He showeth me I will tell

thee.' And he went to a bare height.
4And God met Balaam; and he said
unto Him: 'I have prepared the seven
altars, and I have offered up a bullock
and a ram on every altar.' 5And the
Lord put a word in Balaam's mouth,
and said: 'Return unto Balak, and thus
thou shalt speak.' 6And he returned
unto him, and, lo, he stood by his
burnt-offering, he, and all the princes
of Moab. 7And he took up his parable,
and said:

From Aram Balak bringeth me,
The king of Moab from the mountains of the East:
'Come, curse me Jacob,
And come, execrate Israel.'
8How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed?
And how shall I execrate, whom the Lord hath not execrated?
9For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him:
Lo, it is a people that shall dwell alone,
And shall not be reckoned among the nations.
10Who hath counted the dust of Jacob,
Or numbered the stock of Israel?
Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let mine end be like his!

11And Balak said unto Balaam: 'What
hast thou done unto me? I took thee to
curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou
hast blessed them altogether.' 12And he
answered and said: 'Must I not take
heed to speak that which the Lord
putteth in my mouth?' 13And Balak
said unto him: 'Come, I pray thee,
with me unto another place, from
whence thou mayest see them; thou
shalt see but the utmost part of them,
and shalt not see them all; and curse
me them from thence.' 14And he took
him into the field of Zophim, to the top
of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and
offered up a bullock and a ram on
every altar. 15And he said unto Balak:
'Stand here by thy burnt-offering,
while I go toward a meeting yonder.'
16And the Lord met Balaam, and put a
word in his mouth, and said: 'Return
unto Balak, and thus shalt thou speak.'
17And he came to him, and, lo, he
stood by his burnt-offering, and the
princes of Moab with him. And Balak
said unto him: 'What hath the Lord
spoken?' 18And he took up his parable,
and said:

Arise, Balak, and hear;
Give ear unto me, thou son of Zippor:
19God is not a man, that He should lie;
Neither the son of man, that He should repent:
When He hath said, will He not do it?
Or when He hath spoken, will He not make it good?
20Behold, I am bidden to bless;
And when He hath blessed, I cannot call it back.
21None hath beheld iniquity in Jacob,

Neither hath one seen perverseness
in Israel;
The Lord his God is with him,
And the shouting for the King is
among them.
22 God who brought them forth out
of Egypt
Is for them like the lofty horns of
the wild-ox.
23 For there is no enchantment with
Jacob,
Neither is there any divination with
Israel;
Now is it said of Jacob and of Israel:
'What hath God wrought! '
24 Behold a people that riseth up as a
lioness,
And as a lion doth he lift himself up;
He shall not lie down until he eat of
the prey,
And drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Balaam:
'Neither curse them at all, nor bless
them at all.' 26 But Balaam answered
and said unto Balak: 'Told not I thee,
saying: All that the Lord speaketh, that
I must do?' 27 And Balak said unto
Balaam: 'Come now, I will take thee
unto another place; peradventure it
will please God that thou mayest curse
me them from thence.' 28 And Balak
took Balaam unto the top of Peor, that
looketh down upon the desert. 29 And
Balaam said unto Balak: 'Build me
here seven altars, and prepare me here
seven bullocks and seven rams.' 30 And
Balak did as Balaam had said, and
offered up a bullock and a ram on
every altar.

24 And when Balaam saw that it
pleased the Lord to bless
Israel, he went not, as at the other
times, to meet with enchantments, but
he set his face toward the wilderness.
2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he
saw Israel dwelling tribe by tribe; and
the spirit of God came upon him. 3 And
he took up his parable, and said:

The saying of Balaam the son of
Beor,
And the saying of the man whose
eye is opened;
4 The saying of him who heareth the
words of God,
Who seeth the vision of the
Almighty, Fallen down, yet with
opened eyes:
5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,
Thy dwellings, O Israel!
6 As valleys stretched out,
As gardens by the river-side;
As aloes planted of the Lord,
As cedars beside the waters;
7 Water shall flow from his branches,
And his seed shall be in many
waters;
And his king shall be higher than
Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God who brought him forth out of
Egypt
Is for him like the lofty horns of the
wild-ox;
He shall eat up the nations that are
his adversaries,
And shall break their bones in
pieces,

And pierce them through with his
arrows.
9 He couched, he lay down as a lion,
And as a lioness; who shall rouse
him up?
Blessed be every one that blesseth
thee,
And cursed be every one that
curseth thee.

10 And Balak's anger was kindled
against Balaam, and he smote his
hands together; and Balak said unto
Balaam: 'I called thee to curse mine
enemies, and, behold, thou hast
altogether blessed them these three
times. 11 Therefore now flee thou to thy
place; I thought to promote thee unto
great honour; but, lo, the LORD hath
kept thee back from honour.' 12 And
Balaam said unto Balak: 'Spoke I not
also to thy messengers that thou didst
send unto me, saying: 13 If Balak would
give me his house full of silver and
gold, I cannot go beyond the word of
the LORD, to do either good or bad of
mine own mind; what the LORD
speaketh, that will I speak? 14 And now,
behold, I go unto my people; come,
and I will announce to thee what this
people shall do to thy people in the
end of days.' 15 And he took up his
parable, and said:

The saying of Balaam the son of
Beor,
And the saying of the man whose
eye is opened;
16 The saying of him who heareth the
words of God,
And knoweth the knowledge of the
Most High,
Who seeth the vision of the
Almighty,
Fallen down, yet with opened eyes:
17 I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not nigh;
There shall step forth a star out of
Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel,
And shall smite through the corners
of Moab,
And break down all the sons of
Seth.
18 And Edom shall be a possession,
Seir also, even his enemies, shall be
a possession;
While Israel doeth valiantly.
19 And out of Jacob shall one have
dominion,
And shall destroy the remnant from
the city.

20 And he looked on Amalek, and
took up his parable, and said:

Amalek was the first of the nations;
But his end shall come to
destruction.

21 And he looked on the Kenite, and
took up his parable, and said:

Though firm be thy dwelling-place,
And though thy nest be set in the
rock;
22 Nevertheless Kain shall be wasted;
How long? Asshur shall carry thee
away captive.

[23]And he took up his parable, and said:

Alas, who shall live after God hath appointed him?
[24]But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim,
And they shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber,
And he also shall come to destruction.

[25]And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.

25 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit harlotry with the daughters of Moab. [2]And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. [3]And Israel joined himself unto the Baal of Peor; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. [4]And the LORD said unto Moses: ‘Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up unto the LORD in face of the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel.’ [5]And Moses said unto the judges of Israel: ‘Slay ye every one his men that have joined themselves unto the Baal of Peor.’ [6]And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at the door of the tent of meeting. [7]And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand. [8]And he went after the man of Israel into the chamber, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. [9]And those that died by the plague were twenty and four thousand.

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[10]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [11]’Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned My wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was very jealous for My sake among them, so that I consumed not the children of Israel in My jealousy. [12]Wherefore say: Behold, I give unto him My covenant of peace; [13]and it shall be unto him, and to his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.’ [14]Now the name of the man of Israel that was slain, who was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers’house among the Simeonites. [15]And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a fathers’house in Midian.

[16]And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [17]’Harass the Midianites, and smite them; [18]for they harass you, by their wiles wherewith they have

beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.'

19And it came to pass after the

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plague, 1that the LORD spoke unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying: 2'Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers'houses, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel.' 3And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying: 4'[Take the sum of the people,] from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, that came forth out of the land of Egypt.'

5Reuben, the first-born of Israel: the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7These are the families of the Reubenites; and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty. 8And the sons of Pallu: Eliab. 9And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and Abiram, the elect of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against the LORD; 10and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men, and they became a sign. 11Notwithstanding the sons of Korah died not.

12The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; 13of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. 14These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.

15The sons of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; 16of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of Eri, the family of the Erites; 17of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites. 18These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

19The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. 20And the sons of Judah after their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. 21And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. 22These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them,

threescore and sixteen thousand and
five hundred.
23 The sons of Issachar after their
families: of Tola, the family of the
Tolaites; of Puvah, the family of the
Punites; 24 of Jashub, the family of the
Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of
the Shimronites. 25 These are the
families of Issachar according to those
that were numbered of them,
threescore and four thousand and three
hundred.
26 The sons of Zebulun after their
families: of Sered, the family of the
Seredites; of Elon, the family of the
Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the
Jahleelites. 27 These are the families of
the Zebulunites according to those that
were numbered of them, threescore
thousand and five hundred.
28 The sons of Joseph after their
families: Manasseh and Ephraim.
29 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir,
the family of the Machirites—and
Machir begot Gilead; of Gilead, the
family of the Gileadites. 30 These are
the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the family
of the Iezerites; of Helek, the family of
the Helekites; 31 and of Asriel, the
family of the Asrielites; and of
Shechem, the family of the
Shechemites; 32 and of Shemida, the
family of the Shemidaites; and of
Hepher, the family of the Hepherites.
33 And Zelophehad the son of Hepher
had no sons, but daughters; and the
names of the daughters of Zelophehad
were Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah,
Milcah, and Tirzah. 34 These are the
families of Manasseh; and they that
were numbered of them were fifty and
two thousand and seven hundred.'
35 These are the sons of Ephraim
after their families: of Shuthelah, the
family of the Shuthelahites; of Becher,
the family of the Becherites; of Tahan,
the family of the Tahanites. 36 And
these are the sons of Shuthelah: of
Eran, the family of the Eranites.
37 These are the families of the sons of
Ephraim according to those that were
numbered of them, thirty and two
thousand and five hundred. These are
the sons of Joseph after their families.
38 The sons of Benjamin after their
families: of Bela, the family of the
Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the
Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of
the Ahiramites; 39 of Shephupham, the
family of the Shuphamites; of
Hupham, the family of the
Huphamites. 40 And the sons of Bela
were Ard and Naaman; [of Ard,] the
family of the Ardites; of Naaman, the
family of the Naamites. 41 These are the
sons of Benjamin after their families;
and they that were numbered of them
were forty and five thousand and six
hundred.
42 These are the sons of Dan after
their families: of Shuham, the family
of the Shuhamites. These are the
families of Dan after their families.
43 All the families of the Shuhamites,
according to those that were numbered
of them, were threescore and four
thousand and four hundred.

[44]The sons of Asher after their
families: of Imnah, the family of the
Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the
Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the
Beriites. [45]Of the sons of Beriah: of
Heber, the family of the Heberites; of
Malchiel, the family of the
Malchielites. [46]And the name of the
daughter of Asher was Serah. [47]These
are the families of the sons of Asher
according to those that were numbered
of them, fifty and three thousand and
four hundred.

[48]The sons of Naphtali after their
families: of Jahzeel, the family of the
Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the
Gunites; [49]of Jezer, the family of the
Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the
Shillemites. [50]These are the families of
Naphtali according to their families;
and they that were numbered of them
were forty and five thousand and four
hundred.

[51]These are they that were numbered
of the children of Israel, six hundred
thousand and a thousand and seven
hundred and thirty.

[52]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying: [53]'Unto these the land shall be
divided for an inheritance according to
the number of names. [54]To the more
thou shalt give the more inheritance,
and to the fewer thou shalt give the
less inheritance; to each one according
to those that were numbered of it shall
its inheritance be given.
[55]Notwithstanding the land shall be
divided by lot; according to the names
of the tribes of their fathers they shall
inherit. [56]According to the lot shall
their inheritance be divided between
the more and the fewer.'

[57]And these are they that were
numbered of the Levites after their
families: of Gershon, the family of the
Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of
the Kohathites; of Merari, the family
of the Merarites. [58]These are the
families of Levi: the family of the
Libnites, the family of the Hebronites,
the family of the Mahlites, the family
of the Mushites, the family of the
Korahites. And Kohath begot Amram.
[59]And the name of Amram's wife was
Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who
was born to Levi in Egypt; and she
bore unto Amram Aaron and Moses,
and Miriam their sister. [60]And unto
Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu,
Eleazar and Ithamar. [61]And Nadab and
Abihu died, when they offered strange
fire before the LORD. [62]And they that
were numbered of them were twenty
and three thousand, every male from a
month old and upward; for they were
not numbered among the children of
Israel, because there was no
inheritance given them among the
children of Israel.

[63]These are they that were numbered
by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who
numbered the children of Israel in the
plains of Moab by the Jordan at
Jericho. [64]But among these there was
not a man of them that were numbered
by Moses and Aaron the priest, who
numbered the children of Israel in the
wilderness of Sinai. [65]For the LORD had

said of them: ‘They shall surely die in
the wilderness.’ And there was not left
a man of them, save Caleb the son of
Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

27 Then drew near the daughters
of Zelophehad, the son of
Hepher, the son of Gilead, the son of
Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the
families of Manasseh the son of
Joseph; and these are the names of his
daughters: Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah,
and Milcah, and Tirzah. 2And they
stood before Moses, and before
Eleazar the priest, and before the
princes and all the congregation, at the
door of the tent of meeting, saying:
3’Our father died in the wilderness,
and he was not among the company of
them that gathered themselves together
against the Lord in the company of
Korah, but he died in his own sin; and
he had no sons. 4Why should the name
of our father be done away from
among his family, because he had no
son? Give unto us a possession among
the brethren of our father.’ 5And
Moses brought their cause before the
Lord. 6And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 7’The daughters of
Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt
surely give them a possession of an
inheritance among their father’s
brethren; and thou shalt cause the
inheritance of their father to pass unto
them. 8And thou shalt speak unto the
children of Israel, saying: If a man die,
and have no son, then ye shall cause
his inheritance to pass unto his
daughter. 9And if he have no daughter,
then ye shall give his inheritance unto
his brethren. 10And if he have no
brethren, then ye shall give his
inheritance unto his father’s brethren.
11And if his father have no brethren,
then ye shall give his inheritance unto
his kinsman that is next to him of his
family, and he shall possess it. And it
shall be unto the children of Israel a
statute of judgment, as the Lord
commanded Moses.’

12And the Lord said unto Moses:
‘Get thee up into this mountain of
Abarim, and behold the land which I
have given unto the children of Israel.
13And when thou hast seen it, thou also
shalt be gathered unto thy people, as
Aaron thy brother was gathered;
14because ye rebelled against My
commandment in the wilderness of
Zin, in the strife of the congregation,
to sanctify Me at the waters before
their eyes.’—These are the waters of
Meribath-kadesh in the wilderness of
Zin.—15And Moses spoke unto the
Lord, saying: 16’Let the Lord, the God
of the spirits of all flesh, set a man
over the congregation, 17who may go
out before them, and who may come in
before them, and who may lead them
out, and who may bring them in; that
the congregation of the Lord be not as
sheep which have no shepherd.’ 18And
the Lord said unto Moses: ‘Take thee
Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom
is spirit, and lay thy hand upon him;
19and set him before Eleazar the priest,
and before all the congregation; and
give him a charge in their sight. 20And

thou shalt put of thy honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may hearken. [21]And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before the Lord; at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.’ [22]And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation. [23]And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord spoke by the hand of Moses.

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And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]Command the children of Israel, and say unto them:

My food which is presented unto Me for offerings made by fire, of a sweet savour unto Me, shall ye observe to offer unto Me in its due season. [3]And thou shalt say unto them: This is the offering made by fire which ye shall bring unto the Lord: he-lambs of the first year without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt-offering. [4]The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer at dusk; [5]and the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. [6]It is a continual burnt-offering, which was offered in mount Sinai, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord. [7]And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb; in the holy place shalt thou pour out a drink-offering of strong drink unto the Lord. [8]And the other lamb shalt thou present at dusk; as the meal-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou shalt present it, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

[9]And on the sabbath day two he-lambs of the first year without blemish, and two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof. [10]This is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof.

[11]And in your new moons ye shall present a burnt-offering unto the Lord: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year without blemish; [12]and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; [13]and a several tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering unto every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the Lord. [14]And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and the fourth part of a hin for a lamb. This is the burnt-offering of every new moon throughout the

months of the year. 15And one he-goat for a sin-offering unto the LORD; it shall be offered beside the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof.

16And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is the LORD'S passover. 17And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast; seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18In the first day shall be a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work; 19but ye shall present an offering made by fire, a burnt-offering unto the LORD: two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven he-lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish; 20and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil; three tenth parts shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram; 21a several tenth part shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you. 23Ye shall offer these beside the burnt-offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. 24After this manner ye shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; it shall be offered beside the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof. 25And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of servile work.

26Also in the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meal-offering unto the LORD in your feast of weeks, ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no manner of servile work; 27but ye shall present a burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD: two young bullocks, one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year; 28and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for each bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 29a several tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 30one he-goat, to make atonement for you. 31Beside the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, ye shall offer them—they shall be unto you without blemish—and their drink-offerings.

29 And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no manner of servile work; it is a day of blowing the horn unto you. 2And ye shall prepare a burnt-offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year without blemish; 3and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth part for the ram, 4and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 5and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; 6beside the burnt-offering of the new moon, and the meal-offering thereof, and the continual burnt-offering and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings, according unto their

ordinance, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

[7]And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls; ye shall do no manner of work; [8]but ye shall present a burnt-offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish; [9]and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, [10]a several tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; [11]one he-goat for a sin-offering; beside the sin-offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

[12]And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no manner of servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days; [13]and ye shall present a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: thirteen young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish; [14]and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth parts for each ram of the two rams, [15]and a several tenth part for every lamb of the fourteen lambs; [16]and one he-goat for a sin-offering beside the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

[17]And on the second day ye shall present twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year without blemish; [18]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [19]and one he-goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

[20]And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year without blemish; [21]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [22]and one he-goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

[23]And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year without blemish; [24]their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; [25]and one he-goat for a sin-offering; beside the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

[26]And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year without blemish; [27]and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings

for the bullocks, for the rams, and for
the lambs, according to their number,
after the ordinance; [28]and one he-goat
for a sin-offering; beside the continual
burnt-offering, and the meal-offering
thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.
[29]And on the sixth day eight
bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs
of the first year without blemish; [30]and
their meal-offering and their drink-
offerings for the bullocks, for the
rams, and for the lambs, according to
their number, after the ordinance;
[31]and one he-goat for a sin-offering;
beside the continual burnt-offering, the
meal-offering thereof, and the drink-
offerings thereof.
[32]And on the seventh day seven
bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs
of the first year without blemish; [33]and
their meal-offering and their drink-
offerings for the bullocks, for the
rams, and for the lambs, according to
their number, after the ordinance;
[34]and one he-goat for a sin-offering;
beside the continual burnt-offering, the
meal-offering thereof, and the drink-
offering thereof.
[35]On the eighth day ye shall have a
solemn assembly: ye shall do no
manner of servile work; [36]but ye shall
present a burnt-offering, an offering
made by fire, of a sweet savour unto
the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven
he-lambs of the first year without
blemish; [37]their meal-offering and their
drink-offerings for the bullock, for the
ram, and for the lambs, shall be
according to their number, after the
ordinance; [38]and one he-goat for a sin-
offering; beside the continual burnt-
offering, and the meal-offering
thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.
[39]These ye shall offer unto the LORD
in your appointed seasons, beside your
vows, and your freewill-offerings,
whether they be your burnt-offerings,
or your meal-offerings, or your drink-
offerings, or your peace-offerings.

30 And Moses told the children
of Israel according to all that
the LORD commanded Moses.

## מטות

[2]And Moses spoke unto the heads of
the tribes of the children of Israel,
saying:
This is the thing which the LORD
hath commanded. [3]When a man
voweth a vow unto the LORD, or
sweareth an oath to bind his soul with
a bond, he shall not break his word; he
shall do according to all that
proceedeth out of his mouth. [4]Also
when a woman voweth a vow unto the
LORD, and bindeth herself by a bond,
being in her father's house, in her
youth, [5]and her father heareth her vow,
or her bond wherewith she hath bound
her soul, and her father holdeth his
peace at her, then all her vows shall
stand, and every bond wherewith she
hath bound her soul shall stand. [6]But if
her father disallow her in the day that
he heareth, none of her vows, or of her
bonds wherewith she hath bound her
soul, shall stand; and the LORD will
forgive her, because her father

disallowed her. [7]And if she be married to a husband, while her vows are upon her, or the clear utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul; [8]and her husband hear it, whatsoever day it be that he heareth it, and hold his peace at her; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. [9]But if her husband disallow her in the day that he heareth it, then he shall make void her vow which is upon her, and the clear utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul; and the LORD will forgive her. [10]But the vow of a widow, or of her that is divorced, even every thing wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand against her. [11] And if a woman vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, [12]and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not, then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. [13]But if her husband make them null and void in the day that he heareth them, then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips, whether it were her vows, or the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the LORD will forgive her. [14]Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may let it stand, or her husband may make it void. [15]But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day, then he causeth all her vows to stand, or all her bonds, which are upon her; he hath let them stand, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. [16]But if he shall make them null and void after that he hath heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity. [17]These are the statutes, which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

31 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: [2]'Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites; afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.' [3]And Moses spoke unto the people, saying: 'Arm ye men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute the LORD'S vengeance on Midian. [4]Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war.' [5]So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. [6]And Moses sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy vessels and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. [7]And they warred against Midian, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew every male. [8]And they slew the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian; Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. [9]And the children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their

little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. [10]And all their cities in the places wherein they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. [11]And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. [12]And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and unto Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp, unto the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho.

[13]And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. [14]And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. [15]And Moses said unto them: ‘Have ye saved all the women alive? [16]Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to revolt so as to break faith with the Lord in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of the Lord. [17]Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. [18]But all the women children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. [19]And encamp ye without the camp seven days; whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, ye and your captives. [20]And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats’hair, and all things made of wood, ye shall purify.’

[21]And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war that went to the battle: ‘This is the statute of the law which the Lord hath commanded Moses: [22]Howbeit the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, [23]every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of sprinkling; and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make to go through the water. [24]And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye may come into the camp.’

[25]And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying: [26]’Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers’houses of the congregation; [27]and divide the prey into two parts: between the men skilled in war, that went out to battle, and all the congregation; [28]and levy a tribute unto the Lord of the men of war that went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the flocks; [29]take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the priest, as a portion set apart for the Lord. [30]And of the children of Israel’s half, thou shalt take one drawn out of every fifty, of

the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, even of all the cattle, and give them unto the Levites, that keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD.' [31]And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses. [32]Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep, [33]and threescore and twelve thousand beeves, [34]and threescore and one thousand asses, [35]and thirty and two thousand persons in all, of the women that had not known man by lying with him. [36]And the half, which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep. [37]And the LORD'S tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen. [38]And the beeves were thirty and six thousand, of which the LORD'S tribute was threescore and twelve. [39]And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred, of which the LORD'S tribute was threescore and one. [40]And the persons were sixteen thousand, of whom the LORD'S tribute was thirty and two persons. [41]And Moses gave the tribute, which was set apart for the LORD, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses. [42]And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided off from the men that warred— [43]now the congregation's half was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep, [44]and thirty and six thousand beeves, [45]and thirty thousand and five hundred asses, [46]and sixteen thousand persons— [47]even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, that kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

[48]And the officers that were over the thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses; [49]and they said unto Moses: 'Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war that are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. [50]And we have brought the LORD'S offering, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, armlets, and bracelets, signet-rings, ear-rings, and girdles, to make atonement for our souls before the LORD.' [51]And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels. [52]And all the gold of the gift that they set apart for the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.— [53]For the men of war had taken booty, every man for himself.— [54]And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of meeting, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

32 Now the children of Reuben
and the children of Gad had a
very great multitude of cattle; and
when they saw the land of Jazer, and
the land of Gilead, that, behold, the
place was a place for cattle, 2the
children of Gad and the children of
Reuben came and spoke unto Moses,
and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the
princes of the congregation, saying:
3'Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and
Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh,
and Sebam, and Nebo, and Beon, 4the
land which the LORD smote before the
congregation of Israel, is a land for
cattle, and thy servants have cattle.'
5And they said: 'If we have found
favour in thy sight, let this land be
given unto thy servants for a
possession; bring us not over the
Jordan.' 6And Moses said unto the
children of Gad and to the children of
Reuben: 'Shall your brethren go to the
war, and shall ye sit here? 7And
wherefore will ye turn away the heart
of the children of Israel from going
over into the land which the LORD hath
given them? 8Thus did your fathers,
when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea
to see the land. 9For when they went
up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw
the land, they turned away the heart of
the children of Israel, that they should
not go into the land which the LORD
had given them. 10And the LORD'S
anger was kindled in that day, and He
swore, saying: 11Surely none of the
men that came up out of Egypt, from
twenty years old and upward, shall see
the land which I swore unto Abraham,
unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because
they have not wholly followed Me;
12save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the
Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun;
because they have wholly followed the
LORD. 13And the LORD'S anger was
kindled against Israel, and He made
them wander to and fro in the
wilderness forty years, until all the
generation, that had done evil in the
sight of the LORD, was consumed.
14And, behold, ye are risen up in your
fathers'stead, a brood of sinful men, to
augment yet the fierce anger of the
LORD toward Israel. 15For if ye turn
away from after Him, He will yet
again leave them in the wilderness;
and so ye will destroy all this people.'

16And they came near unto him, and
said: 'We will build sheepfolds here
for our cattle, and cities for our little
ones; 17but we ourselves will be ready
armed to go before the children of
Israel, until we have brought them
unto their place; and our little ones
shall dwell in the fortified cities
because of the inhabitants of the land.
18We will not return unto our houses,
until the children of Israel have
inherited every man his inheritance.
19For we will not inherit with them on
the other side of the Jordan, and
forward, because our inheritance is
fallen to us on this side of the Jordan
eastward.'

20And Moses said unto them: 'If ye
will do this thing: if ye will arm
yourselves to go before the LORD to the

war, [21]and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before the LORD, until He hath driven out His enemies from before Him, [22]and the land be subdued before the LORD, and ye return afterward; then ye shall be clear before the LORD, and before Israel, and this land shall be unto you for a possession before the LORD. [23]But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD; and know ye your sin which will find you. [24]Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.'

[25]And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke unto Moses, saying: 'Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. [26]Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; [27]but thy servants will pass over, every man that is armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith.'

[28]So Moses gave charge concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers'houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. [29]And Moses said unto them: 'If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man that is armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you, then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession; [30]but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan.' [31]And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying: 'As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. [32]We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond the Jordan.'

[33]And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto the half-tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, according to the cities thereof with their borders, even the cities of the land round about. [34]And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer; [35]and Atroth-shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah; [36]and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran; fortified cities, and folds for sheep. [37]And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim; [38]and Nebo, and Baal-meon—their names being changed—and Sibmah; and gave their names unto the cities which they builded. [39]And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites that were therein. [40]And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein. [41]And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the villages thereof, and called them [a]Havvoth-jair. [42]And

[a] That is, *The villages of Jair*.

Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

## מסעי

# 33

These are the stages of the children of Israel, by which they went forth out of the land of Egypt by their hosts under the hand of Moses and Aaron. 2 And Moses wrote their goings forth, stage by stage, by the commandment of the LORD; and these are their stages at their goings forth. 3 And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians, 4 while the Egyptians were burying them that the LORD had smitten among them, even all their first-born; upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments. 5 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth. 6 And they journeyed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. 7 And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back unto Pihahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon; and they pitched before Migdol. 8 And they journeyed from Penehahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness; and they went three days'journey in the wilderness of Etham, and pitched in Marah. 9 And they journeyed from Marah, and came unto Elim; and in Elim were twelve springs of water, and threescore and ten palm-trees; and they pitched there. 10 And they journeyed from Elim, and pitched by the Red Sea. 11 And they journeyed from the Red Sea, and pitched in the wilderness of Sin. 12 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, and pitched in Dophkah. 13 And they journeyed from Dophkah, and pitched in Alush. 14 And they journeyed from Alush, and pitched in Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink. 15 And they journeyed from Rephidim, and pitched in the wilderness of Sinai. 16 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai, and pitched in Kibroth-hattaavah. 17 And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and pitched in Hazeroth. 18 And they journeyed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah. 19 And they journeyed from Rithmah, and pitched in Rimmon-perez. 20 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and pitched in Libnah. 21 And they journeyed from Libnah, and pitched in Rissah. 22 And they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelah. 23 And they journeyed from Kehelah, and pitched in mount Shepher. 24 And they journeyed from mount Shepher, and pitched in Haradah. 25 And they journeyed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth. 26 And they journeyed from Makheloth, and pitched in Tahath. 27 And they journeyed from Tahath, and pitched in Terah. 28 And they journeyed from Terah, and pitched in Mithkah. 29 And they journeyed from Mithkah, and pitched

in Hashmonah. 30And they journeyed
from Hashmonah, and pitched in
Moseroth. 31And they journeyed from
Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan.
32And they journeyed from Bene-
jaakan, and pitched in Hor-haggidgad.
33And they journeyed from Hor-
haggidgad, and pitched in Jotbah.
34And they journeyed from Jotbah, and
pitched in Abronah. 35And they
journeyed from Abronah, and pitched
in Ezion-geber. 36And they journeyed
from Ezion-geber, and pitched in the
wilderness of Zin—the same is
Kadesh. 37And they journeyed from
Kadesh, and pitched in mount Hor, in
the edge of the land of Edom.— 38And
Aaron the priest went up into mount
Hor at the commandment of the Lord,
and died there, in the fortieth year after
the children of Israel were come out of
the land of Egypt, in the fifth month,
on the first day of the month. 39And
Aaron was a hundred and twenty and
three years old when he died in mount
Hor. 40And the Canaanite, the king of
Arad, who dwelt in the South in the
land of Canaan, heard of the coming of
the children of Israel.— 41And they
journeyed from mount Hor, and
pitched in Zalmonah. 42And they
journeyed from Zalmonah, and pitched
in Punon. 43And they journeyed from
Punon, and pitched in Oboth. 44And
they journeyed from Oboth, and
pitched in Ije-abarim, in the border of
Moab. 45And they journeyed from
Ijim, and pitched in Dibon-gad. 46And
they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and
pitched in Almon-diblathaim. 47And
they journeyed from Almon-
diblathaim, and pitched in the
mountains of Abarim, in front of
Nebo. 48And they journeyed from the
mountains of Abarim, and pitched in
the plains of Moab by the Jordan at
Jericho. 49And they pitched by the
Jordan, from Beth-jeshimoth even unto
Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

50And the Lord spoke unto Moses in
the plains of Moab by the Jordan at
Jericho, saying: 51'Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them:
When ye pass over the Jordan into the
land of Canaan, 52then ye shall drive
out all the inhabitants of the land from
before you, and destroy all their
figured stones, and destroy all their
molten images, and demolish all their
high places. 53And ye shall drive out
the inhabitants of the land, and dwell
therein; for unto you have I given the
land to possess it. 54And ye shall
inherit the land by lot according to
your families—to the more ye shall
give the more inheritance, and to the
fewer thou shalt give the less
inheritance; wheresoever the lot falleth
to any man, that shall be his; according
to the tribes of your fathers shall ye
inherit. 55But if ye will not drive out
the inhabitants of the land from before
you, then shall those that ye let remain
of them be as thorns in your eyes, and
as pricks in your sides, and they shall
harass you in the land wherein ye
dwell. 56And it shall come to pass, that

as I thought to do unto them, so will I
do unto you.

34 And the Lord spoke unto
Moses, saying: 2'Command
the children of Israel, and say unto
them: When ye come into the land of
Canaan, this shall be the land that shall
fall unto you for an inheritance, even
the land of Canaan according to the
borders thereof. 3Thus your south side
shall be from the wilderness of Zin
close by the side of Edom, and your
south border shall begin at the end of
the Salt Sea eastward; 4and your
border shall turn about southward of
the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass
along to Zin; and the goings out
thereof shall be southward of Kadesh-
barnea; and it shall go forth to Hazar-
addar, and pass along to Azmon; 5and
the border shall turn about from
Azmon unto the Brook of Egypt, and
the goings out thereof shall be at the
Sea. 6And for the western border, ye
shall have the Great Sea for a border;
this shall be your west border. 7And
this shall be your north border: from
the Great Sea ye shall mark out your
line unto mount Hor; 8from mount Hor
ye shall mark out a line unto the
entrance to Hamath; and the goings
out of the border shall be at Zedad;
9and the border shall go forth to
Ziphron, and the goings out thereof
shall be at Hazar-enan; this shall be
your north border. 10And ye shall mark
out your line for the east border from
Hazar-enan to Shepham; 11and the
border shall go down from Shepham to
Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the
border shall go down, and shall strike
upon the slope of the sea of Chinnereth
eastward; 12and the border shall go
down to the Jordan, and the goings out
thereof shall be at the Salt Sea; this
shall be your land according to the
borders thereof round about.'

13And Moses commanded the
children of Israel, saying: 'This is the
land wherein ye shall receive
inheritance by lot, which the Lord hath
commanded to give unto the nine
tribes, and to the half-tribe; 14for the
tribe of the children of Reuben
according to their fathers'houses, and
the tribe of the children of Gad
according to their fathers'houses, have
received, and the half-tribe of
Manasseh have received, their
inheritance; 15the two tribes and the
half-tribe have received their
inheritance beyond the Jordan at
Jericho eastward, toward the sun-
rising.'

16And the Lord spoke unto Moses,
saying: 17'These are the names of the
men that shall take possession of the
land for you: Eleazar the priest, and
Joshua the son of Nun. 18And ye shall
take one prince of every tribe, to take
possession of the land. 19And these are
the names of the men: of the tribe of
Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh.
20And of the tribe of the children of
Simeon, Shemuel the son of
Ammihud. 21Of the tribe of Benjamin,
Elidad the son of Chislon. 22And of the
tribe of the children of Dan a prince,

Bukki the son of Jogli. [23]Of the
children of Joseph: of the tribe of the
children of Manasseh a prince,
Hanniel the son of Ephod; [24]and of the
tribe of the children of Ephraim a
prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.
[25]And of the tribe of the children of
Zebulun a prince, Eli-zaphan the son
of Parnach. [26]And of the tribe of the
children of Issachar a prince, Paltiel
the son of Azzan. [27]And of the tribe of
the children of Asher a prince, Ahihud
the son of Shelomi. [28]And of the tribe
of the children of Naphtali a prince,
Pedahel the son of Ammihud. [29]These
are they whom the LORD commanded
to divide the inheritance unto the
children of Israel in the land of
Canaan.'

35 And the LORD spoke unto
Moses in the plains of Moab
by the Jordan at Jericho, saying:
[2]'Command the children of Israel, that
they give unto the Levites of the
inheritance of their possession cities to
dwell in; and open land round about
the cities shall ye give unto the
Levites. [3]And the cities shall they have
to dwell in; and their open land shall
be for their cattle, and for their
substance, and for all their beasts.
[4]And the open land about the cities,
which ye shall give unto the Levites,
shall be from the wall of the city and
outward a thousand cubits round
about. [5]And ye shall measure without
the city for the east side two thousand
cubits, and for the south side two
thousand cubits, and for the west side
two thousand cubits, and for the north
side two thousand cubits, the city
being in the midst. This shall be to
them the open land about the cities.
[6]And the cities which ye shall give
unto the Levites, they shall be the six
cities of refuge, which ye shall give for
the manslayer to flee thither; and
beside them ye shall give forty and
two cities. [7]All the cities which ye
shall give to the Levites shall be forty
and eight cities: them shall ye give
with the open land about them. [8]And
concerning the cities which ye shall
give of the possession of the children
of Israel, from the many ye shall take
many, and from the few ye shall take
few; each tribe according to its
inheritance which it inheriteth shall
give of its cities unto the Levites.'

[9]And the LORD spoke unto Moses,
saying: [10]'Speak unto the children of
Israel, and say unto them: When ye
pass over the Jordan into the land of
Canaan, [11]then ye shall appoint you
cities to be cities of refuge for you,
that the manslayer that killeth any
person through error may flee thither.
[12]And the cities shall be unto you for
refuge from the avenger, that the
manslayer die not, until he stand
before the congregation for judgment.
[13]And as to the cities which ye shall
give, there shall be for you six cities of
refuge. [14]Ye shall give three cities
beyond the Jordan, and three cities
shall ye give in the land of Canaan;
they shall be cities of refuge. [15]For the
children of Israel, and for the stranger

and for the settler among them, shall
these six cities be for refuge, that
every one that killeth any person
through error may flee thither. 16 But if
he smote him with an instrument of
iron, so that he died, he is a murderer;
the murderer shall surely be put to
death. 17 And if he smote him with a
stone in the hand, whereby a man may
die, and he died, he is a murderer; the
murderer shall surely be put to death.
18 Or if he smote him with a weapon of
wood in the hand, whereby a man may
die, and he died, he is a murderer; the
murderer shall surely be put to death.
19 The avenger of blood shall himself
put the murderer to death; when he
meeteth him, he shall put him to death.
20 And if he thrust him of hatred, or
hurled at him any thing, lying in wait,
so that he died; 21 or in enmity smote
him with his hand, that he died; he that
smote him shall surely be put to death:
he is a murderer; the avenger of blood
shall put the murderer to death when
he meeteth him. 22 But if he thrust him
suddenly without enmity, or hurled
upon him any thing without lying in
wait, 23 or with any stone, whereby a
man may die, seeing him not, and cast
it upon him, so that he died, and he
was not his enemy, neither sought his
harm; 24 then the congregation shall
judge between the smiter and the
avenger of blood according to these
ordinances; 25 and the congregation
shall deliver the manslayer out of the
hand of the avenger of blood, and the
congregation shall restore him to his
city of refuge, whither he was fled;
and he shall dwell therein until the
death of the high priest, who was
anointed with the holy oil. 26 But if the
manslayer shall at any time go beyond
the border of his city of refuge,
whither he fleeth; 27 and the avenger of
blood find him without the border of
his city of refuge, and the avenger of
blood slay the manslayer; there shall
be no bloodguiltiness for him;
28 because he must remain in his city of
refuge until the death of the high
priest; but after the death of the high
priest the manslayer may return into
the land of his possession. 29 And these
things shall be for a statute of
judgment unto you throughout your
generations in all your dwellings.
30 Whoso killeth any person, the
murderer shall be slain at the mouth of
witnesses; but one witness shall not
testify against any person that he die.
31 Moreover ye shall take no ransom for
the life of a murderer, that is guilty of
death; but he shall surely be put to
death. 32 And ye shall take no ransom
for him that is fled to his city of
refuge, that he should come again to
dwell in the land, until the death of the
priest. 33 So ye shall not pollute the
land wherein ye are; for blood, it
polluteth the land; and no expiation
can be made for the land for the blood
that is shed therein, but by the blood of
him that shed it. 34 And thou shalt not
defile the land which ye inhabit, in the
midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD

dwell in the midst of the children of
Israel.’

36 And the heads of the
fathers’houses of the family of
the children of Gilead, the son of
Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the
families of the sons of Joseph, came
near, and spoke before Moses, and
before the princes, the heads of the
fathers’houses of the children of Israel;
2 and they said: ‘The Lord commanded
my lord to give the land for inheritance
by lot to the children of Israel; and my
lord was commanded by the Lord to
give the inheritance of Zelophehad our
brother unto his daughters. 3 And if
they be married to any of the sons of
the other tribes of the children of
Israel, then will their inheritance be
taken away from the inheritance of our
fathers, and will be added to the
inheritance of the tribe whereunto they
shall belong; so will it be taken away
from the lot of our inheritance. 4 And
when the jubilee of the children of
Israel shall be, then will their
inheritance be added unto the
inheritance of the tribe whereunto they
shall belong; so will their inheritance
be taken away from the inheritance of
the tribe of our fathers.’ 5 And Moses
commanded the children of Israel
according to the word of the Lord,
saying: ‘The tribe of the sons of
Joseph speaketh right. 6 This is the
thing which the Lord hath commanded
concerning the daughters of
Zelophehad, saying: Let them be
married to whom they think best; only
into the family of the tribe of their
father shall they be married. 7 So shall
no inheritance of the children of Israel
remove from tribe to tribe; for the
children of Israel shall cleave every
one to the inheritance of the tribe of
his fathers. 8 And every daughter, that
possesseth an inheritance in any tribe
of the children of Israel, shall be wife
unto one of the family of the tribe of
her father, that the children of Israel
may possess every man the inheritance
of his fathers. 9 So shall no inheritance
remove from one tribe to another tribe;
for the tribes of the children of Israel
shall cleave each one to its own
inheritance.’ 10 Even as the Lord
commanded Moses, so did the
daughters of Zelophehad. 11 For
Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and
Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of
Zelophehad, were married unto their
father’s brothers’sons. 12 They were
married into the families of the sons of
Manasseh the son of Joseph, and their
inheritance remained in the tribe of the
family of their father.

13 These are the commandments and
the ordinances, which the Lord
commanded by the hand of Moses
unto the children of Israel in the plains
of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.

דברים

# DEUTERONOMY

**1** These are the words which Moses spoke unto all Israel beyond the Jordan; in the wilderness, in the Arabah, over against Suph, between Paran and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahab. [2]It is eleven days journey from Horeb unto Kadesh-barnea by the way of mount Seir. [3]And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them; [4]after he had smitten Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt in Ashtaroth, at Edrei; [5]beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, took Moses upon him to expound this law, saying: [6]The Lord our God spoke unto us in Horeb, saying: 'Ye have dwelt long enough in this mountain; [7]turn you, and take your journey, and go to the hill-country of the Amorites and unto all the places nigh thereunto, in the Arabah, in the hill-country, and in the Lowland, and in the South, and by the sea-shore; the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. [8]Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.'

[9]And I spoke unto you at that time, saying: 'I am not able to bear you myself alone; [10]the Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude.—[11]The Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as He hath promised you!—[12]How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? [13]Get you, from each one of your tribes, wise men, and understanding, and full of knowledge, and I will make them heads over you.' [14]And ye answered me, and said: 'The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do.' [15]So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and full of knowledge, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of fifties, and captains of tens, and officers, tribe by tribe. [16]And I charged your judges at that time, saying: 'Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. [17]Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; ye shall hear the small and the great alike; ye shall not

be afraid of the face of any man; for
the judgment is God's; and the cause
that is too hard for you ye shall bring
unto me, and I will hear it.' [18]And I
commanded you at that time all the
things which ye should do.

[19]And we journeyed from Horeb,
and went through all that great and
dreadful wilderness which ye saw, by
the way to the hill-country of the
Amorites, as the LORD our God
commanded us; and we came to
Kadesh-barnea. [20]And I said unto you:
'Ye are come unto the hill-country of
the Amorites, which the LORD our God
giveth unto us. [21]Behold, the LORD thy
God hath set the land before thee; go
up, take possession, as the LORD, the
God of thy fathers, hath spoken unto
thee; fear not, neither be dismayed.'
[22]And ye came near unto me every one
of you, and said: 'Let us send men
before us, that they may search the
land for us, and bring us back word of
the way by which we must go up, and
the cities unto which we shall come.'
[23]And the thing pleased me well; and I
took twelve men of you, one man for
every tribe; [24]and they turned and went
up into the mountains, and came unto
the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out.
[25]And they took of the fruit of the land
in their hands, and brought it down
unto us, and brought us back word,
and said: 'Good is the land which the
LORD our God giveth unto us.' [26]Yet ye
would not go up, but rebelled against
the commandment of the LORD your
God; [27]and ye murmured in your tents,
and said: 'Because the LORD hated us,
He hath brought us forth out of the
land of Egypt, to deliver us into the
hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.
[28]Whither are we going up? our
brethren have made our heart to melt,
saying: The people is greater and taller
than we; the cities are great and
fortified up to heaven; and moreover
we have seen the sons of the Anakim
there.' [29]Then I said unto you: 'Dread
not, neither be afraid of them. [30]The
LORD your God who goeth before you,
He shall fight for you, according to all
that He did for you in Egypt before
your eyes; [31]and in the wilderness,
where thou hast seen how that the
LORD thy God bore thee, as a man doth
bear his son, in all the way that ye
went, until ye came unto this place.
[32]Yet in this thing ye do not believe the
LORD your God, [33]Who went before
you in the way, to seek you out a place
to pitch your tents in: in fire by night,
to show you by what way ye should
go, and in the cloud by day.'

[34]And the LORD heard the voice of
your words, and was wroth, and swore,
saying: [35]'Surely there shall not one of
these men, even this evil generation,
see the good land, which I swore to
give unto your fathers, [36]save Caleb
the son of Jephunneh, he shall see it;
and to him will I give the land that he
hath trodden upon, and to his children;
because he hath wholly followed the
LORD.' [37]Also the LORD was angry with
me for your sakes, saying: Thou also
shalt not go in thither; [38]Joshua the son

of Nun, who standeth before thee, he
shall go in thither; encourage thou
him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit
it. 39 Moreover your little ones, that ye
said should be a prey, and your
children, that this day have no
knowledge of good or evil, they shall
go in thither, and unto them will I give
it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as
for you, turn you, and take your
journey into the wilderness by the way
to the Red Sea.' 41 Then ye answered
and said unto me: 'We have sinned
against the LORD, we will go up and
fight, according to all that the LORD our
God commanded us.' And ye girded
on every man his weapons of war, and
deemed it a light thing to go up into
the hill-country. 42 And the LORD said
unto me: 'Say unto them: Go not up,
neither fight; for I am not among you;
lest ye be smitten before your
enemies.' 43 So I spoke unto you, and
ye hearkened not; but ye rebelled
against the commandment of the LORD,
and were presumptuous, and went up
into the hill-country. 44 And the
Amorites, that dwell in that hill-
country, came out against you, and
chased you, as bees do, and beat you
down in Seir, even unto Hormah.
45 And ye returned and wept before the
LORD; but the LORD hearkened not to
your voice, nor gave ear unto you. 46 So
ye abode in Kadesh many days,
according unto the days that ye abode
there.

2 Then we turned, and took our
journey into the wilderness by the
way to the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke
unto me; and we compassed mount
Seir many days.

2 And the LORD spoke unto me,
saying: 3 'Ye have compassed this
mountain long enough; turn you
northward. 4 And command thou the
people, saying: Ye are to pass through
the border of your brethren the
children of Esau, that dwell in Seir;
and they will be afraid of you; take ye
good heed unto yourselves therefore;
5 contend not with them; for I will not
give you of their land, no, not so much
as for the sole of the foot to tread on;
because I have given mount Seir unto
Esau for a possession. 6 Ye shall
purchase food of them for money, that
ye may eat; and ye shall also buy
water of them for money, that ye may
drink. 7 For the LORD thy God hath
blessed thee in all the work of thy
hand; He hath known thy walking
through this great wilderness; these
forty years the LORD thy God hath been
with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.'
8 So we passed by from our brethren
the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir,
from the way of the Arabah, from
Elath and from Ezion-geber.

And we turned and passed by the
way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 And
the LORD said unto me: 'Be not at
enmity with Moab, neither contend
with them in battle; for I will not give
thee of his land for a possession;
because I have given Ar unto the
children of Lot for a possession.—
10 The Emim dwelt therein aforetime, a

people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; 11these also are accounted Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12And in Seir dwelt the Horites aforetime, but the children of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.— 13Now rise up, and get you over the brook Zered.' And we went over the brook Zered. 14And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, were thirty and eight years; until all the generation, even the men of war, were consumed from the midst of the camp, as the LORD swore unto them. 15Moreover the hand of the LORD was against them, to discomfit them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed.

16So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17that the LORD spoke unto me saying: 18'Thou art this day to pass over the border of Moab, even Ar; 19and when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, harass them not, nor contend with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon for a possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession.— 20That also is accounted a land of Rephaim: Rephaim dwelt therein aforetime; but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead; 22as He did for the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, when He destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day; 23and the Avvim, that dwelt in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, that came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.— 24Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of Arnon; behold, I have given into thy hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land; begin to possess it, and contend with him in battle. 25This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the peoples that are under the whole heaven, who, when they hear the report of thee, shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee.'

26And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying: 27'Let me pass through thy land; I will go along by the highway, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left. 28Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink; only let me pass through on my feet; 29as the children of Esau that dwell in Seir, and the Moabites that dwell in Ar, did unto me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us.'

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would
not let us pass by him; for the Lord thy
God hardened his spirit, and made his
heart obstinate, that He might deliver
him into thy hand, as appeareth this
day.

31 And the Lord said unto me:
‘Behold, I have begun to deliver up
Sihon and his land before thee; begin
to possess his land.’ 32 Then Sihon
came out against us, he and all his
people, unto battle at Jahaz. 33 And the
Lord our God delivered him up before
us; and we smote him, and his sons,
and all his people. 34 And we took all
his cities at that time, and utterly
destroyed every city, the men, and the
women, and the little ones; we left
none remaining; 35 only the cattle we
took for a prey unto ourselves, with
the spoil of the cities which we had
taken. 36 From Aroer, which is on the
edge of the valley of Arnon, and from
the city that is in the valley, even unto
Gilead, there was not a city too high
for us: the Lord our God delivered up
all before us. 37 Only to the land of the
children of Ammon thou camest not
near; all the side of the river Jabbok,
and the cities of the hill-country, and
wheresoever the Lord our God forbade
us.

3 Then we turned, and went up the
way to Bashan; and Og the king
of Bashan came out against us, he and
all his people, unto battle at Edrei.
2 And the Lord said unto me: ‘Fear him
not; for I have delivered him, and all
his people, and his land, into thy hand;
and thou shalt do unto him as thou
didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites,
who dwelt at Heshbon.’ 3 So the Lord
our God delivered into our hand Og
also, the king of Bashan, and all his
people; and we smote him until none
was left to him remaining. 4 And we
took all his cities at that time; there
was not a city which we took not from
them; threescore cities, all the region
of Argob, the kingdom of Og in
Bashan. 5 All these were fortified cities,
with high walls, gates, and bars; beside
the unwalled towns a great many.
6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we
did unto Sihon king of Heshbon,
utterly destroying every city, the men,
and the women, and the little ones.
7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the
cities, we took for a prey unto
ourselves.

8 And we took the land at that time
out of the hand of the two kings of the
Amorites that were beyond the Jordan,
from the valley of Arnon unto mount
Hermon— 9 which Hermon the
Sidonians call Sirion, and the
Amorites call it Senir— 10 all the cities
of the plain, and all Gilead, and all
Bashan, unto Salcah and Edrei, cities
of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.—
11 For only Og king of Bashan
remained of the remnant of the
Rephaim; behold, his bedstead was a
bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of
the children of Ammon? nine cubits
was the length thereof, and four cubits
the breadth of it, after the cubit of a

man.—[12]And this land we took in
possession at that time; from Aroer,
which is by the valley of Arnon, and
half the hill-country of Gilead, and the
cities thereof, gave I unto the
Reubenites and to the Gadites; [13]and
the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the
kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-
tribe of Manasseh; all the region of
Argob—all that Bashan is called the
land of Rephaim. [14]Jair the son of
Manasseh took all the region of Argob,
unto the border of the Geshurites and
the Maacathites, and called them, even
Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-
jair, unto this day.—[15]And I gave
Gilead unto Machir. [16]And unto the
Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave
from Gilead even unto the valley of
Arnon, the middle of the valley for a
border; even unto the river Jabbok,
which is the border of the children of
Ammon; [17]the Arabah also, the Jordan
being the border thereof, from
Chinnereth even unto the sea of the
Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes
of Pisgah eastward.

[18]And I commanded you at that
time, saying: ‘The LORD your God hath
given you this land to possess it; ye
shall pass over armed before your
brethren the children of Israel, all the
men of valour. [19]But your wives, and
your little ones, and your cattle—I
know that ye have much cattle—shall
abide in your cities which I have given
you; [20]until the LORD give rest unto
your brethren, as unto you, and they
also possess the land which the LORD
your God giveth them beyond the
Jordan; then shall ye return every man
unto his possession, which I have
given you. [21]And I commanded Joshua
at that time, saying: ‘Thine eyes have
seen all that the LORD your God hath
done unto these two kings; so shall the
LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither
thou goest over. [22]Ye shall not fear
them; for the LORD your God, He it is
that fighteth for you.’

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[23]And I besought the LORD at that
time, saying: [24]’O Lord GOD, Thou hast
begun to show Thy servant Thy
greatness, and Thy strong hand; for
what god is there in heaven or on
earth, that can do according to Thy
works, and according to Thy mighty
acts? [25]Let me go over, I pray Thee,
and see the good land that is beyond
the Jordan, that goodly hill-country,
and Lebanon.’ [26]But the LORD was
wroth with me for your sakes, and
hearkened not unto me; and the LORD
said unto me: ‘Let it suffice thee;
speak no more unto Me of this matter.
[27]Get thee up into the top of Pisgah,
and lift up thine eyes westward, and
northward, and southward, and
eastward, and behold with thine eyes;
for thou shalt not go over this Jordan.
[28]But charge Joshua, and encourage
him, and strengthen him; for he shall
go over before this people, and he
shall cause them to inherit the land
which thou shalt see.’ [29]So we abode
in the valley over against Beth-peor.

4 And now, O Israel, hearken unto
the statutes and unto the
ordinances, which I teach you, to do
them; that ye may live, and go in and
possess the land which the Lord, the
God of your fathers, giveth you. [2]Ye
shall not add unto the word which I
command you, neither shall ye
diminish from it, that ye may keep the
commandments of the Lord your God
which I command you. [3]Your eyes
have seen what the Lord did in Baal-
peor; for all the men that followed the
Baal of Peor, the Lord thy God hath
destroyed them from the midst of thee.
[4]But ye that did cleave unto the Lord
your God are alive every one of you
this day. [5]Behold, I have taught you
statutes and ordinances, even as the
Lord my God commanded me, that ye
should do so in the midst of the land
whither ye go in to possess it.
[6]Observe therefore and do them; for
this is your wisdom and your
understanding in the sight of the
peoples, that, when they hear all these
statutes, shall say: ‘Surely this great
nation is a wise and understanding
people.’ [7]For what great nation is
there, that hath God so nigh unto them,
as the Lord our God is whensoever we
call upon Him? [8]And what great nation
is there, that hath statutes and
ordinances so righteous as all this law,
which I set before you this day? [9]Only
take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul
diligently, lest thou forget the things
which thine eyes saw, and lest they
depart from thy heart all the days of
thy life; but make them known unto
thy children and thy children’s
children; [10]the day that thou stoodest
before the Lord thy God in Horeb,
when the Lord said unto me:
‘Assemble Me the people, and I will
make them hear My words that they
may learn to fear Me all the days that
they live upon the earth, and that they
may teach their children.’ [11]And ye
came near and stood under the
mountain; and the mountain burned
with fire unto the heart of heaven, with
darkness, cloud, and thick darkness.
[12]And the Lord spoke unto you out of
the midst of the fire; ye heard the
voice of words, but ye saw no form;
only a voice. [13]And He declared unto
you His covenant, which He
commanded you to perform, even the
ten words; and He wrote them upon
two tables of stone. [14]And the Lord
commanded me at that time to teach
you statutes and ordinances, that ye
might do them in the land whither ye
go over to possess it. [15]Take ye
therefore good heed unto yourselves—
for ye saw no manner of form on the
day that the Lord spoke unto you in
Horeb out of the midst of the fire—
[16]lest ye deal corruptly, and make you
a graven image, even the form of any
figure, the likeness of male or female,
[17]the likeness of any beast that is on
the earth, the likeness of any winged
fowl that flieth in the heaven, [18]the
likeness of any thing that creepeth on
the ground, the likeness of any fish
that is in the water under the earth;

19 and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto
heaven, and when thou seest the sun
and the moon and the stars, even all
the host of heaven, thou be drawn
away and worship them, and serve
them, which the Lord thy God hath
allotted unto all the peoples under the
whole heaven. 20 But you hath the Lord
taken and brought forth out of the iron
furnace, out of Egypt, to be unto Him
a people of inheritance, as ye are this
day. 21 Now the Lord was angered with
me for your sakes, and swore that I
should not go over the Jordan, and that
I should not go in unto that good land,
which the Lord thy God giveth thee
for an inheritance; 22 but I must die in
this land, I must not go over the
Jordan; but ye are to go over, and
possess that good land. 23 Take heed
unto yourselves, lest ye forget the
covenant of the Lord your God, which
He made with you, and make you a
graven image, even the likeness of any
thing which the Lord thy God hath
forbidden thee. 24 For the Lord thy God
is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

25 When thou shalt beget children,
and children's children, and ye shall
have been long in the land, and shall
deal corruptly, and make a graven
image, even the form of any thing, and
shall do that which is evil in the sight
of the Lord thy God, to provoke Him;
26 I call heaven and earth to witness
against you this day, that ye shall soon
utterly perish from off the land
whereunto ye go over the Jordan to
possess it; ye shall not prolong your
days upon it, but shall utterly be
destroyed. 27 And the Lord shall scatter
you among the peoples, and ye shall
be left few in number among the
nations, whither the Lord shall lead
you away. 28 And there ye shall serve
gods, the work of men's hands, wood
and stone, which neither see, nor hear,
nor eat, nor smell. 29 But from thence
ye will seek the Lord thy God; and
thou shalt find Him, if thou search
after Him with all thy heart and with
all thy soul. 30 In thy distress, when all
these things are come upon thee, in the
end of days, thou wilt return to the
Lord thy God, and hearken unto His
voice; 31 for the Lord thy God is a
merciful God; He will not fail thee,
neither destroy thee, nor forget the
covenant of thy fathers which He
swore unto them. 32 For ask now of the
days past, which were before thee,
since the day that God created man
upon the earth, and from the one end
of heaven unto the other, whether there
hath been any such thing as this great
thing is, or hath been heard like it?
33 Did ever a people hear the voice of
God speaking out of the midst of the
fire, as thou hast heard, and live? 34 Or
hath God assayed to go and take Him a
nation from the midst of another
nation, by trials, by signs, and by
wonders, and by war, and by a mighty
hand, and by an outstretched arm, and
by great terrors, according to all that
the Lord your God did for you in
Egypt before thine eyes? 35 Unto thee it
was shown, that thou mightiest know

that the LORD, He is God; there is none
else beside Him. [36]Out of heaven He
made thee to hear His voice, that He
might instruct thee; and upon earth He
made thee to see His great fire; and
thou didst hear His words out of the
midst of the fire. [37]And because He
loved thy fathers, and chose their seed
after them, and brought thee out with
His presence, with His great power,
out of Egypt, [38]to drive out nations
from before thee greater and mightier
than thou, to bring thee in, to give thee
their land for an inheritance, as it is
this day; [39]know this day, and lay it to
thy heart, that the LORD, He is God in
heaven above and upon the earth
beneath; there is none else. [40]And thou
shalt keep His statutes, and His
commandments, which I command
thee this day, that it may go well with
thee, and with thy children after thee,
and that thou mayest prolong thy days
upon the land, which the LORD thy God
giveth thee, for ever.

[41]Then Moses separated three cities
beyond the Jordan toward the
sunrising; [42]that the manslayer might
flee thither, that slayeth his neighbour
unawares, and hated him not in time
past; and that fleeing unto one of these
cities he might live: [43]Bezer in the
wilderness, in the table-land, for the
Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for
the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for
the Manassites.

[44]And this is the law which Moses
set before the children of Israel; [45]these
are the testimonies, and the statutes,
and the ordinances, which Moses
spoke unto the children of Israel, when
they came forth out of Egypt; [46]beyond
the Jordan, in the valley over against
Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of
the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon,
whom Moses and the children of Israel
smote, when they came forth out of
Egypt; [47]and they took his land in
possession, and the land of Og king of
Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites,
who were beyond the Jordan toward
the sunrising; [48]from Aroer, which is
on the edge of the valley of Arnon,
even unto mount Sion—the same is
Hermon— [49]and all the Arabah beyond
the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea
of the Arabah, under the slopes of
Pisgah.

5 And Moses called unto all Israel,
and said unto them:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the
ordinances which I speak in your ears
this day, that ye may learn them, and
observe to do them. [2]The LORD our
God made a covenant with us in
Horeb. [3]The LORD made not this
covenant with our fathers, but with us,
even us, who are all of us here alive
this day. [4]The LORD spoke with you
face to face in the mount out of the
midst of the fire— [5]I stood between the
LORD and you at that time, to declare
unto you the word of the LORD; for ye
were afraid because of the fire, and
went not up into the mount—saying:

[6]I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

[7]Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. [8]Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, even any manner of likeness, of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. [9]Thou shalt not bow down unto them, nor serve them; for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Me, [10]and showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love Me and keep My commandments.

[11]Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

[12]Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD thy God commanded thee. [13]Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; [14]but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God, in it thou shalt not do any manner of work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. [15]And thou shalt remember that thou was a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God brought thee out thence by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

[16]Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God commanded thee; that thy days may be long, and that it may go well with thee, upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

[17]Thou shalt not murder.

Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

Neither shalt thou steal.

Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

[18]Neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's wife; neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

[19]These words the LORD spoke unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice, and it went on no more. And He wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them unto me. [20]And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain did burn with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; [21]and ye said: 'Behold, the LORD our God hath shown us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire; we have seen this day that God doth speak with man, and he liveth. [22]Now therefore why should we die? for this

great fire will consume us; if we hear
the voice of the LORD our God any
more, then we shall die. 23For who is
there of all flesh, that hath heard the
voice of the living God speaking out of
the midst of the fire, as we have, and
lived? 24Go thou near, and hear all that
the LORD our God may say; and thou
shalt speak unto us all that the LORD
our God may speak unto thee; and we
will hear it and do it.’ 25And the LORD
heard the voice of your words, when
ye spoke unto me; and the LORD said
unto me: ‘I have heard the voice of the
words of this people, which they have
spoken unto thee; they have well said
all that they have spoken. 26Oh that
they had such a heart as this alway, to
fear Me, and keep all My
commandments, that it might be well
with them, and with their children for
ever! 27Go say to them: Return ye to
your tents. 28But as for thee, stand thou
here by Me, and I will speak unto thee
all the commandment, and the statutes,
and the ordinances, which thou shalt
teach them, that they may do them in
the land which I give them to possess
it.’ 29Ye shall observe to do therefore
as the LORD your God hath
commanded you; ye shall not turn
aside to the right hand or to the left.
30Ye shall walk in all the way which
the LORD your God hath commanded
you, that ye may live, and that it may
be well with you, and that ye may
prolong your days in the land which ye
shall possess.

6 Now this is the commandment,
the statutes, and the ordinances,
which the LORD your God commanded
to teach you, that ye might do them in
the land whither ye go over to possess
it— 2that thou mightest fear the LORD
thy God, to keep all His statutes and
His commandments, which I command
thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son’s
son, all the days of thy life; and that
thy days may be prolonged. 3Hear
therefore, O Israel, and observe to do
it; that it may be well with thee, and
that ye may increase mightily, as the
LORD, the God of thy fathers, hath
promised unto thee—a land flowing
with milk and honey.

4HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD,
THE LORD IS ONE. 5And thou shalt love
the LORD thy God with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul, and with all thy
might. 6And these words, which I
command thee this day, shall be upon
thy heart; 7and thou shalt teach them
diligently unto thy children, and shalt
talk of them when thou sittest in thy
house, and when thou walkest by the
way, and when thou liest down, and
when thou risest up. 8And thou shalt
bind them for a sign upon thy hand,
and they shall be for frontlets between
thine eyes. 9And thou shalt write them
upon the door-posts of thy house, and
upon thy gates.

10And it shall be, when the LORD thy
God shall bring thee into the land
which He swore unto thy fathers, to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to
give thee—great and goodly cities,

which thou didst not build, [11]and
houses full of all good things, which
thou didst not fill, and cisterns hewn
out, which thou the didst not hew,
vineyards and olive-trees, which thou
didst not plant, and thou shalt eat and
be satisfied—[12]then beware lest thou
forget the Lord, who brought thee
forth out of the land of Egypt, out of
the house of bondage. [13]Thou shalt
fear the Lord thy God; and Him shalt
thou serve, and by His name shalt thou
swear. [14]Ye shall not go after other
gods, of the gods of the peoples that
are round about you; [15]for a jealous
God, even the Lord thy God, is in the
midst of thee; lest the anger of the
Lord thy God be kindled against thee,
and He destroy thee from off the face
of the earth.

[16]Ye shall not try the Lord your
God, as ye tried Him in Massah. [17]Ye
shall diligently keep the
commandments of the Lord your God,
and His testimonies, and His statutes,
which He hath commanded thee.
[18]And thou shalt do that which is right
and good in the sight of the Lord; that
it may be well with thee, and that thou
mayest go in and possess the good
land which the Lord swore unto thy
fathers, [19]to thrust out all thine
enemies from before thee, as the Lord
hath spoken.

[20]When thy son asketh thee in time
to come, saying: 'What mean the
testimonies, and the statutes, and the
ordinances, which the Lord our God
hath commanded you? [21]then thou
shalt say unto thy son: 'We were
Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the
Lord brought us out of Egypt with a
mighty hand. [22]And the Lord showed
signs and wonders, great and sore,
upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon
all his house, before our eyes. [23]And
He brought us out from thence, that He
might bring us in, to give us the land
which He swore unto our fathers.
[24]And the Lord commanded us to do
all these statutes, to fear the Lord our
God, for our good always, that He
might preserve us alive, as it is at this
day. [25]And it shall be righteousness
unto us, if we observe to do all this
commandment before the Lord our
God, as He hath commanded us.'

7 When the Lord thy God shall
bring thee into the land whither
thou goest to possess it, and shall cast
out many nations before thee, the
Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the
Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the
Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the
Jebusite, seven nations greater and
mightier than thou; [2]and when the
Lord thy God shall deliver them up
before thee, and thou shalt smite them;
then thou shalt utterly destroy them;
thou shalt make no covenant with
them, nor show mercy unto them;
[3]neither shalt thou make marriages
with them: thy daughter thou shalt not
give unto his son, nor his daughter
shalt thou take unto thy son. [4]For he
will turn away thy son from following
Me, that they may serve other gods; so
will the anger of the Lord be kindled

against you, and He will destroy thee quickly. [5]But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire. [6]For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be His own treasure, out of all peoples that are upon the face of the earth. [7]The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people—for ye were the fewest of all peoples— [8]but because the Lord loved you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. [9]Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God; the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations; [10]and repayeth them that hate Him to their face, to destroy them; He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face. [11]Thou shalt therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command thee this day, to do them.

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[12]And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these ordinances, and keep, and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep with thee the covenant and the mercy which He swore unto thy fathers, [13]and He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; He will also bless the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy land, thy corn and thy wine and thine oil, the increase of thy kine and the young of thy flock, in the land which He swore unto thy fathers to give thee. [14]Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. [15]And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness; and He will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. [16]And thou shalt consume all the peoples that the Lord thy God shall deliver unto thee; thine eye shall not pity them; neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

[17]If thou shalt say in thy heart: 'These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them?' [18]thou shalt not be afraid of them; thou shalt well remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt: [19]the great trials which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, whereby the Lord thy God brought thee out; so shall the Lord thy God do unto all the peoples of whom thou art afraid. [20]Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and they that hide themselves, perish from before thee.

[21]Thou shalt not be affrighted at them; for the LORD thy God is in the midst of thee, a God great and awful. [22]And the LORD thy God will cast out those nations before thee by little and little; thou mayest not consume them quickly, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. [23]But the LORD thy God shall deliver them up before thee, and shall discomfit them with a great discomfiture, until they be destroyed. [24]And He shall deliver their kings into thy hand, and thou shalt make their name to perish from under heaven; there shall no man be able to stand against thee, until thou have destroyed them. [25]The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou shalt not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God. [26]And thou shalt not bring an abomination into thy house, and be accursed like unto it; thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

8 All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers. [2]And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that He might afflict thee, to prove thee, to know what was in thy heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. [3]And He afflicted thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every thing that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. [4]Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. [5]And thou shalt consider in thy heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. [6]And thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him. [7]For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills; [8]a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig-trees and pomegranates; a land of olive-trees and honey; [9]a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. [10]And thou shalt eat and be satisfied, and bless the LORD thy God for the good land which He hath given thee. [11]Beware lest thou forget the LORD thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His ordinances, and His statutes, which I command thee this day; [12]lest when thou hast eaten and art satisfied, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; [13]and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is

multiplied, and all that thou hast is
multiplied; [14]then thy heart be lifted
up, and thou forget the LORD thy God,
who brought thee forth out of the land
of Egypt, out of the house of bondage;
[15]who led thee through the great and
dreadful wilderness, wherein were
serpents, fiery serpents, and scorpions,
and thirsty ground where was no
water; who brought thee forth water
out of the rock of flint; [16]who fed thee
in the wilderness with manna, which
thy fathers knew not, that He might
afflict thee, and that He might prove
thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;
[17]and thou say in thy heart: 'My power
and the might of my hand hath gotten
me this wealth.' [18]But thou shalt
remember the LORD thy God, for it is
He that giveth thee power to get
wealth, that He may establish His
covenant which He swore unto thy
fathers, as it is this day.

[19]And it shall be, if thou shalt forget
the LORD thy God, and walk after other
gods, and serve them, and worship
them, I forewarn you this day that ye
shall surely perish. [20]As the nations
that the LORD maketh to perish before
you, so shall ye perish; because ye
would not hearken unto the voice of
the LORD your God.

9 Hear, O Israel: thou art to pass
over the Jordan this day, to go in
to dispossess nations greater and
mightier than thyself, cities great and
fortified up to heaven, [2]a people great
and tall, the sons of the Anakim,
whom thou knowest, and of whom
thou hast heard say: 'Who can stand
before the sons of Anak?' [3]Know
therefore this day, that the LORD thy
God is He who goeth over before thee
as a devouring fire; He will destroy
them, and He will bring them down
before thee; so shalt thou drive them
out, and make them to perish quickly,
as the LORD hath spoken unto thee.
[4]Speak not thou in thy heart, after that
the LORD thy God hath thrust them out
from before thee, saying: 'For my
righteousness the LORD hath brought
me in to possess this land'; whereas
for the wickedness of these nations the
LORD doth drive them out from before
thee. [5]Not for thy righteousness, or for
the uprightness of thy heart, dost thou
go in to possess their land; but for the
wickedness of these nations the LORD
thy God doth drive them out from
before thee, and that He may establish
the word which the LORD swore unto
thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and
to Jacob. [6]Know therefore that it is not
for thy righteousness that the LORD thy
God giveth thee this good land to
possess it; for thou art a stiffnecked
people.

[7]Remember, forget thou not, how
thou didst make the LORD thy God
wroth in the wilderness; from the day
that thou didst go forth out of the land
of Egypt, until ye came unto this place,
ye have been rebellious against the
LORD. [8]Also in Horeb ye made the
LORD wroth, and the LORD was angered
with you to have destroyed you.
[9]When I was gone up into the mount to

receive the tables of stone, even the
tables of the covenant which the Lord
made with you, then I abode in the
mount forty days and forty nights; I
did neither eat bread nor drink water.
10And the Lord delivered unto me the
two tables of stone written with the
finger of God; and on them was
written according to all the words,
which the Lord spoke with you in the
mount out of the midst of the fire in
the day of the assembly. 11And it came
to pass at the end of forty days and
forty nights, that the Lord gave me the
two tables of stone, even the tables of
the covenant. 12And the Lord said unto
me: ‘Arise, get thee down quickly
from hence; for thy people that thou
hast brought forth out of Egypt have
dealt corruptly; they are quickly turned
aside out of the way which I
commanded them; they have made
them a molten image.’ 13Furthermore
the Lord spoke unto me, saying: ‘I
have seen this people, and, behold, it is
a stiffnecked people; 14let Me alone,
that I may destroy them, and blot out
their name from under heaven; and I
will make of thee a nation mightier
and greater than they.’ 15So I turned
and came down from the mount, and
the mount burned with fire; and the
two tables of the covenant were in my
two hands. 16And I looked, and,
behold, ye had sinned against the Lord
your God; ye had made you a molten
calf; ye had turned aside quickly out of
the way which the Lord had
commanded you. 17And I took hold of
the two tables, and cast them out of my
two hands, and broke them before your
eyes. 18And I fell down before the
Lord, as at the first, forty days and
forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor
drink water; because of all your sin
which ye sinned, in doing that which
was evil in the sight of the Lord, to
provoke Him. 19For I was in dread of
the anger and hot displeasure,
wherewith the Lord was wroth against
you to destroy you. But the Lord
hearkened unto me that time also.
20Moreover the Lord was very angry
with Aaron to have destroyed him; and
I prayed for Aaron also the same time.
21And I took your sin, the calf which
ye had made, and burnt it with fire,
and beat it in pieces, grinding it very
small, until it was as fine as dust; and I
cast the dust thereof into the brook that
descended out of the mount.— 22And
at Taberah, and at Massah, and at
Kibroth-hattaavah, ye made the Lord
wroth. 23And when the Lord sent you
from Kadesh-barnea, saying: ‘Go up
and possess the land which I have
given you’; then ye rebelled against
the commandment of the Lord your
God, and ye believed Him not, nor
hearkened to His voice. 24Ye have
been rebellious against the Lord from
the day that I knew you.— 25So I fell
down before the Lord the forty days
and forty nights that I fell down;
because the Lord had said He would
destroy you. 26And I prayed unto the
Lord, and said: ‘O Lord God, destroy
not Thy people and Thine inheritance,

that Thou hast redeemed through Thy
greatness, that Thou hast brought forth
out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
27Remember Thy servants, Abraham,
Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the
stubbornness of this people, nor to
their wickedness, nor to their sin; 28lest
the land whence Thou broughtest us
out say: Because the Lord was not
able to bring them into the land which
He promised unto them, and because
He hated them, He hath brought them
out to slay them in the wilderness.
29Yet they are Thy people and Thine
inheritance, that Thou didst bring out
by Thy great power and by Thy
outstretched arm.'

10 At that time the Lord said unto
me: 'Hew thee two tables of
stone like unto the first, and come up
unto Me into the mount; and make
thee an ark of wood. 2And I will write
on the tables the words that were on
the first tables which thou didst break,
and thou shalt put them in the ark.' 3So
I made an ark of acacia-wood, and
hewed two tables of stone like unto the
first, and went up into the mount,
having the two tables in my hand.
4And He wrote on the tables according
to the first writing, the ten words,
which the Lord spoke unto you in the
mount out of the midst of the fire in
the day of the assembly; and the Lord
gave them unto me. 5And I turned and
came down from the mount, and put
the tables in the ark which I had made;
and there they are, as the Lord
commanded me.— 6And the children
of Israel journeyed from Beeroth-
benejaakan to Moserah; there Aaron
died, and there he was buried; and
Eleazar his son ministered in the
priest's office in his stead. 7From
thence they journeyed unto Gudgod;
and from Gudgod to Jotbah, a land of
brooks of water.— 8At that time the
Lord separated the tribe of Levi, to
bear the ark of the covenant of the
Lord, to stand before the Lord to
minister unto Him, and to bless in His
name, unto this day. 9Wherefore Levi
hath no portion nor inheritance with
his brethren; the Lord is his
inheritance, according as the Lord thy
God spoke unto him.—10Now I stayed
in the mount, as at the first time, forty
days and forty nights; and the Lord
hearkened unto me that time also; the
Lord would not destroy thee. 11And
the Lord said unto me: 'Arise, go
before the people, causing them to set
forward, that they may go in and
possess the land, which I swore unto
their fathers to give unto them.'

12And now, Israel, what doth the
Lord thy God require of thee, but to
fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all
His ways, and to love Him, and to
serve the Lord thy God with all thy
heart and with all thy soul; 13to keep
for thy good the commandments of the
Lord, and His statutes, which I
command thee this day? 14Behold,
unto the Lord thy God belongeth the
heaven, and the heaven of heavens, the
earth, with all that therein is. 15Only
the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to

love them, and He chose their seed
after them, even you, above all
peoples, as it is this day. 16Circumcise
therefore the foreskin of your heart,
and be no more stiffnecked. 17For the
LORD your God, He is God of gods,
and Lord of lords, the great God, the
mighty, and the awful, who regardeth
not persons, nor taketh reward. 18He
doth execute justice for the fatherless
and widow, and loveth the stranger, in
giving him food and raiment. 19Love
ye therefore the stranger; for ye were
strangers in the land of Egypt. 20Thou
shalt fear the LORD thy God; Him shalt
thou serve; and to Him shalt thou
cleave, and by His name shalt thou
swear. 21He is thy glory, and He is thy
God, that hath done for thee these
great and tremendous things, which
thine eyes have seen. 22Thy fathers
went down into Egypt with threescore
and ten persons; and now the LORD thy
God hath made thee as the stars of
heaven for multitude.

11 Therefore thou shalt love the
LORD thy God, and keep His
charge, and His statutes, and His
ordinances, and His commandments,
alway. 2And know ye this day; for I
speak not with your children that have
not known, and that have not seen the
chastisement of the LORD your God,
His greatness, His mighty hand, and
His outstretched arm, 3and His signs,
and His works, which He did in the
midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king
of Egypt, and unto all his land; 4and
what He did unto the army of Egypt,
unto their horses, and to their chariots;
how He made the water of the Red Sea
to overflow them as they pursued after
you, and how the LORD hath destroyed
them unto this day; 5and what He did
unto you in the wilderness, until ye
came unto this place; 6and what He did
unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of
Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the
earth opened her mouth, and
swallowed them up, and their
households, and their tents, and every
living substance that followed them, in
the midst of all Israel; 7but your eyes
have seen all the great work of the
LORD which He did. 8Therefore shall
ye keep all the commandment which I
command thee this day, that ye may be
strong, and go in and possess the land,
whither ye go over to possess it; 9and
that ye may prolong your days upon
the land, which the LORD swore unto
your fathers to give unto them and to
their seed, a land flowing with milk
and honey.

10For the land, whither thou goest in
to possess it, is not as the land of
Egypt, from whence ye came out,
where thou didst sow thy seed, and
didst water it with thy foot, as a garden
of herbs; 11but the land, whither ye go
over to possess it, is a land of hills and
valleys, and drinketh water as the rain
of heaven cometh down; 12a land
which the LORD thy God careth for; the
eyes of the LORD thy God are always
upon it, from the beginning of the year
even unto the end of the year.

[13]And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto My commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, [14]that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. [15]And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou shalt eat and be satisfied. [16]Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; [17]and the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and He shut up the heaven, so that there shall be no rain, and the ground shall not yield her fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you. [18]Therefore shall ye lay up these My words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. [19]And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. [20]And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates; [21]that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, upon the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth.

[22]For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave unto Him, [23]then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. [24]Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the hinder sea shall be your border. [25]There shall no man be able to stand against you: the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as He hath spoken unto you.

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[26]Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: [27]the blessing, if ye shall hearken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; [28]and the curse, if ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

[29]And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt set the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. [30]Are they not beyond the Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the

Canaanites that dwell in the Arabah, over against Gilgal, beside the terebinths of Moreh? [31]For ye are to pass over the Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. [32]And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you this day.

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These are the statutes and the ordinances, which ye shall observe to do in the land which the Lord, the God of thy fathers, hath given thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. [2]Ye shall surely destroy all the places, wherein the nations that ye are to dispossess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every leafy tree. [3]And ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods; and ye shall destroy their name out of that place. [4]Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God. [5]But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come; [6]and thither ye shall bring your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill-offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock; [7]and there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee. [8]Ye shall not do after all that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes; [9]for ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth thee. [10]But when ye go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God causeth you to inherit, and He giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; [11]then it shall come to pass that the place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the Lord. [12]And ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that is within your gates, forasmuch as he hath no portion nor inheritance with you. [13]Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest; [14]but in the place which the Lord shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.

[15]Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh within all thy gates, after

all the desire of thy soul, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which He hath given thee; the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart. [16]Only ye shall not eat the blood; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as water. [17]Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thine oil, or the firstlings of thy herd or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill-offerings, nor the offering of thy hand; [18]but thou shalt eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates; and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thy hand unto. [19]Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy land.

[20]When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as He hath promised thee, and thou shalt say: ‘I will eat flesh’, because thy soul desireth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, after all the desire of thy soul. [21]If the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to put His name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat within thy gates, after all the desire of thy soul. [22]Howbeit as the gazelle and as the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat thereof; the unclean and the clean may eat thereof alike. [23]Only be stedfast in not eating the blood; for the blood is the life; and thou shalt not eat the life with the flesh. [24]Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as water. [25]Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD. [26]Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the LORD shall choose; [27]and thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God; and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out against the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the flesh. [28]Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

[29]When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest in to dispossess them, and thou dispossessest them, and dwellest in their land; [30]take heed to thyself that thou be not ensnared to follow them, after that they are destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying: ‘How used these nations to serve their gods? even so will I do likewise.’ [31]Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God; for every abomination to the LORD, which He

hateth, have they done unto their gods;
for even their sons and their daughters
do they burn in the fire to their gods.

13 All this word which I
command you, that shall ye
observe to do; thou shalt not add
thereto, nor diminish from it.
[2]If there arise in the midst of thee a
prophet, or a dreamer of dreams—and
he give thee a sign or a wonder, [3]and
the sign or the wonder come to pass,
whereof he spoke unto thee—saying:
'Let us go after other gods, which thou
hast not known, and let us serve them';
[4]thou shalt not hearken unto the words
of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of
dreams; for the Lord your God putteth
you to proof, to know whether ye do
love the Lord your God with all your
heart and with all your soul. [5]After the
Lord your God shall ye walk, and Him
shall ye fear, and His commandments
shall ye keep, and unto His voice shall
ye hearken, and Him shall ye serve,
and unto Him shall ye cleave. [6]And
that prophet, or that dreamer of
dreams, shall be put to death; because
he hath spoken perversion against the
Lord your God, who brought you out
of the land of Egypt, and redeemed
thee out of the house of bondage, to
draw thee aside out of the way which
the Lord thy God commanded thee to
walk in. So shalt thou put away the
evil from the midst of thee.
[7]If thy brother, the son of thy
mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or
the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend,
that is as thine own soul, entice thee
secretly, saying: 'Let us go and serve
other gods, 'which thou hast not
known, thou, nor thy fathers; [8]of the
gods of the peoples that are round
about you, nigh unto thee, or far off
from thee, from the one end of the
earth even unto the other end of the
earth; [9]thou shalt not consent unto him,
nor hearken unto him; neither shall
thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou
spare, neither shalt thou conceal him;
[10]but thou shalt surely kill him; thy
hand shall be first upon him to put him
to death, and afterwards the hand of all
the people. [11]And thou shalt stone him
with stones, that he die; because he
hath sought to draw thee away from
the Lord thy God, who brought thee
out of the land of Egypt, out of the
house of bondage. [12]And all Israel
shall hear, and fear, and shall do no
more any such wickedness as this is in
the midst of thee.
[13]If thou shalt hear tell concerning
one of thy cities, which the Lord thy
God giveth thee to dwell there, saying:
[14]'Certain base fellows are gone out
from the midst of thee, and have
drawn away the inhabitants of their
city, saying: Let us go and serve other
gods, which ye have not known';
[15]then shalt thou inquire, and make
search, and ask diligently; and, behold,
if it be truth, and the thing certain, that
such abomination is wrought in the
midst of thee; [16]thou shalt surely smite
the inhabitants of that city with the
edge of the sword, destroying it

utterly, and all that is therein and the
cattle thereof, with the edge of the
sword. 17 And thou shalt gather all the
spoil of it into the midst of the broad
place thereof, and shall burn with fire
the city, and all the spoil thereof every
whit, unto the Lord thy God; and it
shall be a heap for ever; it shall not be
built again. 18 And there shall cleave
nought of the devoted thing to thy
hand, that the Lord may turn from the
fierceness of His anger, and show thee
mercy, and have compassion upon
thee, and multiply thee, as He hath
sworn unto thy fathers; 19 when thou
shalt hearken to the voice of the Lord
thy God, to keep all His
commandments which I command
thee this day, to do that which is right
in the eyes of the Lord thy God.

14 Ye are the children of the
Lord your God: ye shall not
cut yourselves, nor make any baldness
between your eyes for the dead. 2 For
thou art a holy people unto the Lord
thy God, and the Lord hath chosen
thee to be His own treasure out of all
peoples that are upon the face of the
earth.

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable
thing. 4 These are the beasts which ye
may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the
goat, 5 the hart, and the gazelle, and the
roebuck, and the wild goat, and the
pygarg, and the antelope, and the
mountain-sheep. 6 And every beast that
parteth the hoof, and hath the hoof
wholly cloven in two, and cheweth the
cud, among the beasts, that ye may eat.
7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of
them that only chew the cud, or of
them that only have the hoof cloven:
the camel, and the hare, and the rock-
badger, because they chew the cud but
part not the hoof, they are unclean
unto you; 8 and the swine, because he
parteth the hoof but cheweth not the
cud, he is unclean unto you; of their
flesh ye shall not eat, and their
carcasses ye shall not touch.

9 These ye may eat of all that are in
the waters: whatsoever hath fins and
scales may ye eat; 10 and whatsoever
hath not fins and scales ye shall not
eat; it is unclean unto you.

11 Of all clean birds ye may eat. 12 But
these are they of which ye shall not
eat: the great vulture, and the bearded
vulture, and the ospray; 13 and the
glede, and the falcon, and the kite after
its kinds; 14 and every raven after its
kinds; 15 and the ostrich, and the night-
hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk
after its kinds; 16 the little owl, and the
great owl, and the horned owl; 17 and
the pelican, and the carrion-vulture,
and the cormorant; 18 and the stork, and
the heron after its kinds, and the
hoopoe, and the bat. 19 And all winged
swarming things are unclean unto you;
they shall not be eaten. 20 Of all clean
winged things ye may eat.

21 Ye shall not eat of any thing that
dieth of itself; thou mayest give it unto
the stranger that is within thy gates,
that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell
it unto a foreigner; for thou art a holy
people unto the Lord thy God. Thou

shalt not seethe a kid in its mother’s
milk.

22 Thou shalt surely tithe all the
increase of thy seed, that which is
brought forth in the field year by year.
23 And thou shalt eat before the Lord
thy God, in the place which He shall
choose to cause His name to dwell
there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine,
and of thine oil, and the firstlings of
thy herd and of thy flock; that thou
mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God
always. 24 And if the way be too long
for thee, so that thou art not able to
carry it, because the place is too far
from thee, which the Lord thy God
shall choose to set His name there,
when the Lord thy God shall bless
thee; 25 then shalt thou turn it into
money, and bind up the money in thy
hand, and shalt go unto the place
which the Lord thy God shall choose.
26 And thou shalt bestow the money for
whatsoever thy soul desireth, for oxen,
or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong
drink, or for whatsoever thy soul
asketh of thee; and thou shalt eat there
before the Lord thy God, and thou
shalt rejoice, thou and thy household.
27 And the Levite that is within thy
gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for
he hath no portion nor inheritance with
thee.

28 At the end of every three years,
even in the same year, thou shalt bring
forth all the tithe of thine increase, and
shall lay it up within thy gates. 29 And
the Levite, because he hath no portion
nor inheritance with thee, and the
stranger, and the fatherless, and the
widow, that are within thy gates, shall
come, and shall eat and be satisfied;
that the Lord thy God may bless thee
in all the work of thy hand which thou
doest.

15 At the end of every seven
years thou shalt make a
release. 2 And this is the manner of the
release: every creditor shall release
that which he hath lent unto his
neighbour; he shall not exact it of his
neighbour and his brother; because the
LORD’S release hath been proclaimed.
3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it;
but whatsoever of thine is with thy
brother thy hand shall release.
4 Howbeit there shall be no needy
among you—for the Lord will surely
bless thee in the land which the Lord
thy God giveth thee for an inheritance
to possess it— 5 if only thou diligently
hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy
God, to observe to do all this
commandment which I command thee
this day. 6 For the Lord thy God will
bless thee, as He promised thee; and
thou shalt lend unto many nations, but
thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt
rule over many nations, but they shall
not rule over thee.

7 If there be among you a needy man,
one of thy brethren, within any of thy
gates, in thy land which the Lord thy
God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden
thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy
needy brother; 8 but thou shalt surely
open thy hand unto him, and shalt
surely lend him sufficient for his need

in that which he wanteth. [9]Beware that
there be not a base thought in thy
heart, saying: ‘The seventh year, the
year of release, is at hand’; and thine
eye be evil against thy needy brother,
and thou give him nought; and he cry
unto the Lord against thee, and it be
sin in thee. [10]Thou shalt surely give
him, and thy heart shall not be grieved
when thou givest unto him; because
that for this thing the Lord thy God
will bless thee in all thy work, and in
all that thou puttest thy hand unto.
[11]For the poor shall never cease out of
the land; therefore I command thee,
saying: ‘Thou shalt surely open thy
hand unto thy poor and needy brother,
in thy land.’

[12]If thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a
Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, he
shall serve thee six years; and in the
seventh year thou shalt let him go free
from thee. [13]And when thou lettest him
go free from thee, thou shalt not let
him go empty; [14]thou shalt furnish him
liberally out of thy flock, and out of
thy threshing-floor, and out of thy
winepress; of that wherewith the Lord
thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt
give unto him. [15]And thou shalt
remember that thou wast a bondman in
the land of Egypt, and the Lord thy
God redeemed thee; therefore I
command thee this thing to-day. [16]And
it shall be, if he say unto thee: ‘I will
not go out from thee’; because he
loveth thee and thy house, because he
fareth well with thee; [17]then thou shalt
take an awl, and thrust it through his
ear and into the door, and he shall be
thy bondman for ever. And also unto
thy bondwoman thou shalt do
likewise. [18]It shall not seem hard unto
thee, when thou lettest him go free
from thee; for to the double of the hire
of a hireling hath he served thee six
years; and the Lord thy God will bless
thee in all that thou doest.

[19]All the firstling males that are born
of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt
sanctify unto the Lord thy God; thou
shalt do no work with the firstling of
thine ox, nor shear the firstling of thy
flock. [20]Thou shalt eat it before the
Lord thy God year by year in the place
which the Lord shall choose, thou and
thy household. [21]And if there be any
blemish therein, lameness, or
blindness, any ill blemish whatsoever,
thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord
thy God. [22]Thou shalt eat it within thy
gates; the unclean and the clean may
eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the
hart. [23]Only thou shalt not eat the
blood thereof; thou shalt pour it out
upon the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of Abib,
and keep the passover unto the
Lord thy God; for in the month of
Abib the Lord thy God brought thee
forth out of Egypt by night. [2]And thou
shalt sacrifice the passover-offering
unto the Lord thy God, of the flock
and the herd, in the place which the
Lord shall choose to cause His name
to dwell there. [3]Thou shalt eat no
leavened bread with it; seven days
shalt thou eat unleavened bread

therewith, even the bread of affliction;
for in haste didst thou come forth out
of the land of Egypt; that thou mayest
remember the day when thou camest
forth out of the land of Egypt all the
days of thy life. 4And there shall be no
leaven seen with thee in all they
borders seven days; neither shall any
of the flesh, which thou sacrificest the
first day at even, remain all night until
the morning. 5Thou mayest not
sacrifice the passover-offering within
any of thy gates, which the Lord thy
God giveth thee; 6but at the place
which the Lord thy God shall choose
to cause His name to dwell in, there
thou shalt sacrifice the passover-
offering at even, at the going down of
the sun, at the season that thou camest
forth out of Egypt. 7And thou shalt
roast and eat it in the place which the
Lord thy God shall choose; and thou
shalt turn in the morning, and go unto
thy tents. 8Six days thou shalt eat
unleavened bread; and on the seventh
day shall be a solemn assembly to the
Lord thy God; thou shalt do no work
therein.

9Seven weeks shalt thou number
unto thee; from the time the sickle is
first put to the standing corn shalt thou
begin to number seven weeks. 10And
thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto
the Lord thy God after the measure of
the freewill-offering of thy hand,
which thou shalt give, according as the
Lord thy God blesseth thee. 11And
thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy
God, thou, and thy son, and thy
daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy
maid-servant, and the Levite that is
within they gates, and the stranger, and
the fatherless, and the widow, that are
in the midst of thee, in the place which
the Lord thy God shall choose to cause
His name to dwell there. 12And thou
shalt remember that thou wast a
bondman in Egypt; and thou shalt
observe and do these statutes.

13Thou shalt keep the feast of
tabernacles seven days, after that thou
hast gathered in from thy threshing-
floor and from thy winepress. 14And
thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou,
and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy
man-servant, and thy maid-servant,
and the Levite, and the stranger, and
the fatherless, and the widow, that are
within thy gates. 15Seven days shalt
thou keep a feast unto the Lord thy
God in the place which the Lord shall
choose; because the Lord thy God
shall bless thee in all thine increase,
and in all the work of thy hands, and
thou shalt be altogether joyful. 16Three
times in a year shall all thy males
appear before the Lord thy God in the
place which He shall choose; on the
feast of unleavened bread, and on the
feast of weeks, and on the feast of
tabernacles; and they shall not appear
before the Lord empty; 17every man
shall give as he is able, according to
the blessing of the Lord thy God
which He hath given thee.

## שפטים

[18]Judges and officers shalt thou
make thee in all thy gates, which the
LORD thy God giveth thee, tribe by
tribe; and they shall judge the people
with righteous judgment. [19]Thou shalt
not wrest judgment; thou shalt not
respect persons; neither shalt thou take
a gift; for a gift doth blind the eyes of
the wise, and pervert the words of the
righteous. [20]Justice, justice shalt thou
follow, that thou mayest live, and
inherit the land which the LORD thy
God giveth thee.

[21]Thou shalt not plant thee an
Asherah of any kind of tree beside the
altar of the LORD thy God, which thou
shalt make thee. [22]Neither shalt thou
set thee up a pillar, which the LORD thy
God hateth.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto
the LORD thy God an ox, or a
sheep, wherein is a blemish, even any
evil thing; for that is an abomination
unto the LORD thy God.

[2]If there be found in the midst of
thee, within any of thy gates which the
LORD thy God giveth thee, man or
woman, that doeth that which is evil in
the sight of the LORD thy God, in
transgressing His covenant, [3]and hath
gone and served other gods, and
worshipped them, or the sun, or the
moon, or any of the host of heaven,
which I have commanded not; [4]and it
be told thee, and thou hear it, then
shalt thou inquire diligently, and,
behold, if it be true, and the thing
certain, that such abomination is
wrought in Israel; [5]then shalt thou
bring forth that man or that woman,
who have done this evil thing, unto thy
gates, even the man or the woman; and
thou shalt stone them with stones, that
they die. [6]At the mouth of two
witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he
that is to die be put to death; at the
mouth of one witness he shall not be
put to death. [7]The hand of the
witnesses shall be first upon him to put
him to death, and afterward the hand
of all the people. So thou shalt put
away the evil from the midst of thee.

[8]If there arise a matter too hard for
thee in judgment, between blood and
blood, between plea and plea, and
between stroke and stroke, even
matters of controversy within thy
gates; then shalt thou arise, and get
thee up unto the place which the LORD
thy God shall choose. [9]And thou shall
come unto the priests the Levites, and
unto the judge that shall be in those
days; and thou shalt inquire; and they
shall declare unto thee the sentence of
judgment. [10]And thou shalt do
according to the tenor of the sentence,
which they shall declare unto thee
from that place which the LORD shall
choose; and thou shalt observe to do
according to all that they shall teach
thee. [11]According to the law which
they shall teach thee, and according to
the judgment which they shall tell
thee, thou shalt do; thou shalt not turn
aside from the sentence which they
shall declare unto thee, to the right
hand, nor to the left. [12]And the man

that doeth presumptuously, in not hearkening unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die; and thou shalt exterminate the evil from Israel. 13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein; and shalt say: ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are round about me’; 15 thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose; one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee; thou mayest not put a foreigner over thee, who is not thy brother. 16 Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses; forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you: ‘Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.’ 17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away; neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. 18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20 that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left; to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

18 The priests the Levites, even all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and His inheritance. 2 And they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; the Lord is their inheritance, as He hath spoken unto them.

3 And this shall be the priests’due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. 4 The first-fruits of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. 5 For the Lord thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourneth, and come with all the desire of his soul unto the place which the Lord shall choose; 7 then he shall minister in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, who stand there before the Lord. 8 They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which is his due according to the fathers’houses.

[9]When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. [10]There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that useth divination, a soothsayer, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, [11]or a charmer, or one that consulteth a ghost or a familiar spirit, or a necromancer. [12]For whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the Lord; and because of these abominations the Lord thy God is driving them out from before thee. [13]Thou shalt be whole-hearted with the Lord thy God. [14]For these nations, that thou art to dispossess, hearken unto soothsayers, and unto diviners; but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do. [15]A prophet will the Lord thy God raise up unto thee, from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; [16]according to all that thou didst desire of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying: ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.’ [17]And the Lord said unto me: ‘They have well said that which they have spoken. [18]I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. [19]And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto My words which he shall speak in My name, I will require it of him. [20]But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ [21]And if thou say in thy heart: ‘How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken?’ [22]When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken; the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him.

19 When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou dost succeed them, and dwell in their cities, and in their houses; [2]thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it. [3]Thou shalt prepare thee the way, and divide the borders of thy land, which the Lord thy God causeth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee thither. [4]And this is the case of the manslayer, that shall flee thither and live: whoso killeth his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in time past; [5]as when a man goeth into the forest with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of these cities and

live; [6]lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and smite him mortally; whereas he was not deserving of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. [7]Wherefore I command thee, saying: ‘Thou shalt separate three cities for thee.’ [8]And if the Lord thy God enlarge thy border, as He hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which He promised to give unto thy fathers— [9]if thou shalt keep all this commandment to do it, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, and to walk ever in His ways—then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three; [10]that innocent blood be not shed in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

[11]But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die; and he flee into one of these cities; [12]then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. [13]Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the blood of the innocent from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

[14]Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour’s landmark, which they of old time have set, in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.

[15]One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth; at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be establishment[16]If an unrighteous witness rise up against any man to bear perverted witness against him; [17]then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges that shall be in those days. [18]And the judges shall inquire diligently; and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; [19]then shall ye do unto him, as he had purposed to do unto his brother; so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee. [20]And those that remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil in the midst of thee. [21]And thine eye shall not pity: life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

20 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, thou shalt not be afraid of them; for the Lord thy God is with thee, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. [2]And it shall be, when ye draw nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, [3]and shall say unto them: ‘Hear, O Israel, ye draw

nigh this day unto battle against your enemies; let not your heart faint; fear not, nor be alarmed, neither be ye affrighted at them; [4]for the LORD your God is He that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.’ [5]And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying: ‘What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. [6]And what man is there that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not used the fruit thereof? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man use the fruit thereof. [7]And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.’ [8]And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say: ‘What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren’s heart melt as his heart.’ [9]And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that captains of hosts shall be appointed at the head of the people.

[10]When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. [11]And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that are found therein shall become tributary unto thee, and shall serve thee. [12]And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it. [13]And when the LORD thy God delivereth it into thy hand, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword; [14]but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take for a prey unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. [15]Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. [16]Howbeit of the cities of these peoples, that the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth, [17]but thou shalt utterly destroy them: the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee; [18]that they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods, and so ye sin against the LORD your God.

[19]When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, but thou shalt not cut them down; for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged of thee? [20]Only the trees of which thou knowest that they are not trees for food, them thou mayest destroy and cut down, that thou mayest

build bulwarks against the city that
maketh war with thee, until it fall.

21 If one be found slain in the
land which the Lord thy God
giveth thee to possess it, lying in the
field, and it be not known who hath
smitten him; [2]then thy elders and thy
judges shall come forth, and they shall
measure unto the cities which are
round about him that is slain. [3]And it
shall be, that the city which is nearest
unto the slain man, even the elders of
that city shall take a heifer of the herd,
which hath not been wrought with, and
which hath not drawn in the yoke.
[4]And the elders of that city shall bring
down the heifer unto a rough valley,
which may neither be plowed nor
sown, and shall break the heifer's neck
there in the valley. [5]And the priests the
sons of Levi shall come near—for
them the Lord thy God hath chosen to
minister unto Him, and to bless in the
name of the Lord; and according to
their word shall every controversy and
every stroke be. [6]And all the elders of
that city, who are nearest unto the slain
man, shall wash their hands over the
heifer whose neck was broken in the
valley. [7]And they shall speak and say:
'Our hands have not shed this blood,
neither have our eyes seen it. [8]Forgive,
O Lord, Thy people Israel, whom
Thou hast redeemed, and suffer not
innocent blood to remain in the midst
of Thy people Israel.' And the blood
shall be forgiven them. [9]So shalt thou
put away the innocent blood from the
midst of thee, when thou shalt do that
which is right in the eyes of the Lord.

## כי תצא

[10]When thou goest forth to battle
against thine enemies, and the Lord
thy God delivereth them into thy
hands, and thou carriest them away
captive, [11]and seest among the captives
a woman of goodly form, and thou
hast a desire unto her, and wouldest
take her to thee to wife; [12]then thou
shalt bring her home to thy house; and
she shall shave her head, and pare her
nails; [13]and she shall put the raiment of
her captivity from off her, and shall
remain in thy house, and bewail her
father and her mother a full month;
and after that thou mayest go in unto
her, and be her husband, and she shall
be thy wife. [14]And it shall be, if thou
have no delight in her, then thou shalt
let her go whither she will; but thou
shalt not sell her at all for money, thou
shalt not deal with her as a slave,
because thou hast humbled her.

[15]If a man have two wives, the one
beloved, and the other hated, and they
have borne him children, both the
beloved and the hated; and if the first-
born son be hers that was hated; [16]then
it shall be, in the day that he causeth
his sons to inherit that which he hath,
that he may not make the son of the
beloved the first-born before the son of
the hated, who is the first-born; [17]but
he shall acknowledge the first-born,
the son of the hated, by giving him a
double portion of all that he hath; for

he is the first-fruits of his strength, the
right of the first-born is his.
18 If a man have a stubborn and
rebellious son, that will not hearken to
the voice of his father, or the voice of
his mother, and though they chasten
him, will not hearken unto them;
19 then shall his father and his mother
lay hold on him, and bring him out
unto the elders of his city, and unto the
gate of his place; 20 and they shall say
unto the elders of his city: ‘This our
son is stubborn and rebellious, he doth
not hearken to our voice; he is a
glutton, and a drunkard.’ 21 And all the
men of his city shall stone him with
stones, that he die; so shalt thou put
away the evil from the midst of thee;
and all Israel shall hear, and fear.
22 And if a man have committed a sin
worthy of death, and he be put to
death, and thou hang him on a tree;
23 his body shall not remain all night
upon the tree, but thou shalt surely
bury him the same day; for he that is
hanged is a reproach unto God; that
thou defile not thy land which the
Lord thy God giveth thee for an
inheritance.

22 Thou shalt not see thy
brother’s ox or his sheep
driven away, and hide thyself from
them; thou shalt surely bring them
back unto thy brother. 2 And if thy
brother be not nigh unto thee, and thou
know him not, then thou shalt bring it
home to thy house, and it shall be with
thee until thy brother require it, and
thou shalt restore it to him. 3 And so
shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt
thou do with his garment; and so shalt
thou do with every lost thing of thy
brother’s, which he hath lost, and thou
hast found; thou mayest not hide
thyself.
4 Thou shalt not see thy brother’s ass
or his ox fallen down by the way, and
hide thyself from them; thou shalt
surely help him to lift them up again.
5 A woman shall not wear that which
pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a
man put on a woman’s garment; for
whosoever doeth these things is an
abomination unto the Lord thy God.
6 If a bird’s nest chance to be before
thee in the way, in any tree or on the
ground, with young ones or eggs, and
the dam sitting upon the young, or
upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the
dam with the young; 7 thou shalt in any
wise let the dam go, but the young
thou mayest take unto thyself; that it
may be well with thee, and that thou
mayest prolong thy days.
8 When thou buildest a new house,
then thou shalt make a parapet for thy
roof, that thou bring not blood upon
thy house, if any man fall from thence.
9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard
with two kinds of seed; lest the fulness
of the seed which thou hast sown be
forfeited together with the increase of
the vineyard.
10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox
and an ass together. 11 Thou shalt not
wear a mingled stuff, wool and linen
together.

[12]Thou shalt make thee twisted
cords upon the four corners of thy
covering, wherewith thou coverest
thyself.

[13]If any man take a wife, and go in
unto her, and hate her, [14]and lay
wanton charges against her, and bring
up an evil name upon her, and say: ‘I
took this woman, and when I came
nigh to her, I found not in her the
tokens of virginity’; [15]then shall the
father of the damsel, and her mother,
take and bring forth the tokens of the
damsel’s virginity unto the elders of
the city in the gate. [16]And the damsel’s
father shall say unto the elders: ‘I gave
my daughter unto this man to wife,
and he hateth her; [17]and, lo, he hath
laid wanton charges, saying: I found
not in thy daughter the tokens of
virginity; and yet these are the tokens
of my daughter’s virginity.’ And they
shall spread the garment before the
elders of the city. [18]And the elders of
that city shall take the man and
chastise him. [19]And they shall fine him
a hundred shekels of silver, and give
them unto the father of the damsel,
because he hath brought up an evil
name upon a virgin of Israel; and she
shall be his wife; he may not put her
away all his days.

[20]But if this thing be true, that the
tokens of virginity were not found in
the damsel; [21]then they shall bring out
the damsel to the door of her father’s
house, and the men of her city shall
stone her with stones that she die;
because she hath wrought a wanton
deed in Israel, to play the harlot in her
father’s house; so shalt thou put away
the evil from the midst of thee.

[22]If a man be found lying with a
woman married to a husband, then
they shall both of them die, the man
that lay with the woman, and the
woman; so shalt thou put away the evil
from Israel.

[23]If there be a damsel that is a virgin
betrothed unto a man, and a man find
her in the city, and lie with her; [24]then
ye shall bring them both out unto the
gate of that city, and ye shall stone
them with stones that they die: the
damsel, because she cried not, being in
the city; and the man, because he hath
humbled his neighbour’s wife; so thou
shalt put away the evil from the midst
of thee.

[25]But if the man find the damsel that
is betrothed in the field, and the man
take hold of her, and lie with her; then
the man only that lay with her shall
die. [26]But unto the damsel thou shalt
do nothing; there is in the damsel no
sin worthy of death; for as when a man
riseth against his neighbour, and
slayeth him, even so is this matter.
[27]For he found her in the field; the
betrothed damsel cried, and there was
none to save her.

[28]If a man find a damsel that is a
virgin, that is not betrothed, and lay
hold on her, and lie with her, and they
be found; [29]then the man that lay with
her shall give unto the damsel’s father
fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be

his wife, because he hath humbled her;
he may not put her away all his days.

23 A man shall not take his
father's wife, and shall not
uncover his father's skirt.
[2]He that is crushed or maimed in his
privy parts shall not enter into the
assembly of the Lord.
[3]A bastard shall not enter into the
assembly of the Lord; even to the
tenth generation shall none of his enter
into the assembly of the Lord.
[4]An Ammonite or a Moabite shall
not enter into the assembly of the
Lord; even to the tenth generation
shall none of them enter into the
assembly of the Lord for ever;
[5]because they met you not with bread
and with water in the way, when ye
came forth out of Egypt; and because
they hired against thee Balaam the son
of Beor from Pethor of Aram-
naharaim, to curse thee. [6]Nevertheless
the Lord thy God would not hearken
unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God
turned the curse into a blessing unto
thee, because the Lord thy God loved
thee. [7]Thou shalt not seek their peace
nor their prosperity all thy days for
ever.
[8]Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite,
for he is thy brother; thou shalt not
abhor an Egyptian, because thou wast
a stranger in his land. [9]The children of
the third generation that are born unto
them may enter into the assembly of
the Lord.
[10]When thou goest forth in camp
against thine enemies, then thou shalt
keep thee from every evil thing. [11]If
there be among you any man, that is
not clean by reason of that which
chanceth him by night, then shall he
go abroad out of the camp, he shall not
come within the camp. [12]But it shall
be, when evening cometh on, he shall
bathe himself in water; and when the
sun is down, he may come within the
camp. [13]Thou shalt have a place also
without the camp, whither thou shalt
go forth abroad. [14]And thou shalt have
a paddle among thy weapons; and it
shall be, when thou sittest down
abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and
shalt turn back and cover that which
cometh from thee. [15]For the Lord thy
God walketh in the midst of thy camp,
to deliver thee, and to give up thine
enemies before thee; therefore shall
thy camp be holy; that He see no
unseemly thing in thee, and turn away
from thee.
[16]Thou shalt not deliver unto his
master a bondman that is escaped from
his master unto thee; [17]he shall dwell
with thee, in the midst of thee, in the
place which he shall choose within one
of thy gates, where it liketh him best;
thou shalt not wrong him.
[18]There shall be no harlot of the
daughters of Israel, neither shall there
be a sodomite of the sons of Israel.
[19]Thou shalt not bring the hire of a
harlot, or the price of a dog, into the
house of the Lord thy God for any
vow; for even both these are an
abomination unto the Lord thy God.

[20]Thou shalt not lend upon interest to thy brother: interest of money, interest of victuals, interest of any thing that is lent upon interest. [21]Unto a foreigner thou mayest lend upon interest; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon interest; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou puttest thy hand unto, in the land whither thou goest in to possess it.

[22]When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it; for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it will be sin in thee. [23]But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. [24]That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt observe and do; according as thou hast vowed freely unto the LORD thy God, even that which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

[25]When thou comest into thy neighbour’s vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes until thou have enough at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

[26]When thou comest into thy neighbour’s standing corn, then thou mayest pluck ears with thy hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour’s standing corn.

24 When a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, then it cometh to pass, if she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some unseemly thing in her, that he writeth her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house, [2]and she departeth out of his house, and goeth and becometh another man’s wife, [3]and the latter husband hateth her, and writeth her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his wife; [4]her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD; and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

[5]When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither shall he be charged with any business; he shall be free for his house one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

[6]No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh a man’s life to pledge.

[7]If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and he deal with him as a slave, and sell him; then that thief shall die; so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

[8]Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you, as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. [9]Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam, by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt.

[10]When thou dost lend thy neighbour any manner of loan, thou

shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. 11 Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge without unto thee. 12 And if he be a poor man, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge; 13 thou shalt surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless thee; and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates. 15 In the same day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord and it be sin in thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not pervert the justice due to the stranger, or to the fatherless; nor take the widow’s raiment to pledge. 18 But thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go back to fetch it; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it after thee; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

**25** If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, and the judges judge them, by justifying the righteous, and condemning the wicked, 2 then it shall be, if the wicked man deserve to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to the measure of his wickedness, by number. 3 Forty stripes he may give him, he shall not exceed; lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should be dishonoured before thine eyes.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not be married abroad unto one not of his kin; her husband’s brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother unto her. 6 And it shall be, that

the first-born that she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother that is dead, that his name be not blotted out of Israel. [7]And if the man like not to take his brother’s wife, then his brother’s wife shall go up to the gate unto the elders, and say: ‘My husband’s brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband’s brother unto me.’ [8]Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him; and if he stand, and say: ‘I like not to take her’; [9]then shall his brother’s wife draw nigh unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say: ‘So shall it be done unto the man that doth not build up his brother’s house.’ [10]And his name shall be called in Israel The house of him that had his shoe loosed.

[11]When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets; [12]then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall have no pity.

[13]Thou shalt not have in thy bag diverse weights, a great and a small. [14]Thou shalt not have in thy house diverse measures, a great and a small. [15]A perfect and just weight shalt thou have; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. [16]For all that do such things, even all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God.

[17]Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt; [18]how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, all that were enfeebled in thy rear, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. [19]Therefore it shall be, when the Lord thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget.

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26 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and dost possess it, and dwell therein; [2]that thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which thou shalt bring in from thy land that the Lord thy God giveth thee; and thou shalt put it in a basket and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose to cause His name to dwell there. [3]And thou shalt come unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him: ‘I profess this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come unto the land which the Lord swore unto our fathers to give us.’ [4]And the priest shall take the basket out of thy hand, and set it down before the altar

of the LORD thy God. 5And thou shalt
speak and say before the LORD thy
God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my
father, and he went down into Egypt,
and sojourned there, few in number;
and he became there a nation, great,
mighty, and populous. 6And the
Egyptians dealt ill with us, and
afflicted us, and laid upon us hard
bondage. 7And we cried unto the LORD,
the God of our fathers, and the LORD
heard our voice, and saw our
affliction, and our toil, and our
oppression. 8And the LORD brought us
forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand,
and with an outstretched arm, and with
great terribleness, and with signs, and
with wonders. 9And He hath brought
us into this place, and hath given us
this land, a land flowing with milk and
honey. 10And now, behold, I have
brought the first of the fruit of the
land, which Thou, O LORD, hast given
me.’ And thou shalt set it down before
the LORD thy God, and worship before
the LORD thy God. 11And thou shalt
rejoice in all the good which the LORD
thy God hath given unto thee, and unto
thy house, thou, and the Levite, and
the stranger that is in the midst of thee.

12When thou hast made an end of
tithing all the tithe of thine increase in
the third year, which is the year of
tithing, and hast given it unto the
Levite, to the stranger, to the
fatherless, and to the widow, that they
may eat within thy gates, and be
satisfied, 13then thou shalt say before
the LORD thy God: ‘I have put away the
hallowed things out of my house, and
also have given them unto the Levite,
and unto the stranger, to the fatherless,
and to the widow, according to all Thy
commandment which Thou hast
commanded me; I have not
transgressed any of Thy
commandments, neither have I
forgotten them. 14I have not eaten
thereof in my mourning, neither have I
put away thereof, being unclean, nor
given thereof for the dead; I have
hearkened to the voice of the LORD my
God, I have done according to all that
Thou hast commanded me. 15Look
forth from Thy holy habitation, from
heaven, and bless Thy people Israel,
and the land which Thou hast given us,
as Thou didst swear unto our fathers, a
land flowing with milk and honey.’

16This day the LORD thy God
commandeth thee to do these statutes
and ordinances; thou shalt therefore
observe and do them with all thy heart,
and with all thy soul. 17Thou hast
avouched the LORD this day to be thy
God, and that thou wouldest walk in
His ways, and keep His statutes, and
His commandments, and His
ordinances, and hearken unto His
voice. 18And the LORD hath avouched
thee this day to be His own treasure, as
He hath promised thee, and that thou
shouldest keep all His commandments;
19and to make thee high above all
nations that He hath made, in praise,
and in name, and in glory; and that
thou mayest be a holy people unto the
LORD thy God, as He hath spoken.

27 And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying: ‘Keep all the commandment which I command you this day. [2]And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over the Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster. [3]And thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over; that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of thy fathers, hath promised thee. [4]And it shall be when ye are passed over the Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster. [5]And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones; thou shalt lift up no iron tool upon them. [6]Thou shalt build the altar of the LORD thy God of unhewn stones; and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God. [7]And thou shalt sacrifice peace-offerings, and shalt eat there; and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God. [8]And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.’

[9]And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke unto all Israel, saying: ‘Keep silence, and hear, O Israel; this day thou art become a people unto the LORD thy God. [10]Thou shalt therefore hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and do His commandments and His statutes, which I command thee this day.’ [11]And Moses charged the people the same day, saying: [12]’These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are passed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin; [13]and these shall stand upon mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. [14]And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice:

[15]Cursed be the man that maketh a graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and setteth it up in secret. And all the people shall answer and say: Amen.

[16]Cursed be he that dishonoureth his father or his mother. And all the people shall say: Amen.

[17]Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour’s landmark. And all the people shall say: Amen.

[18]Cursed be he that maketh the blind to go astray in the way. And all the people shall say: Amen.

[19]Cursed be he that perverteth the justice due to the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say: Amen.

[20]Cursed be he that lieth with his father’s wife; because he hath uncovered his father’s skirt. And all the people shall say: Amen.

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any
manner of beast. And all the people
shall say: Amen.
22 Cursed be he that lieth with his
sister, the daughter of his father, or the
daughter of his mother. And all the
people shall say: Amen.
23 Cursed be he that lieth with his
mother-in-law. And all the people
shall say: Amen.
24 Cursed be he that smiteth his
neighbour in secret. And all the people
shall say: Amen.
25 Cursed be he that taketh a bribe to
slay an innocent person. And all the
people shall say: Amen.
26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not
the words of this law to do them. And
all the people shall say: Amen.'

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And it shall come to pass, if
thou shalt hearken diligently
unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to
observe to do all His commandments
which I command thee this day, that
the LORD thy God will set thee on high
above all the nations of the earth. 2 And
all these blessings shall come upon
thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt
hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy
God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city,
and blessed shalt thou be in the field.
4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body,
and the fruit of thy land, and the fruit
of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine,
and the young of thy flock. 5 Blessed
shall be thy basket and thy kneading-
trough. 6 Blessed shalt thou be when
thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou
be when thou goest out. 7 The LORD
will cause thine enemies that rise up
against thee to be smitten before thee;
they shall come out against thee one
way, and shall flee before thee seven
ways. 8 The LORD will command the
blessing with thee in thy barns, and in
all that thou puttest thy hand unto; and
He will bless thee in the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee. 9 The
LORD will establish thee for a holy
people unto Himself, as He hath sworn
unto thee; if thou shalt keep the
commandments of the LORD thy God,
and walk in His ways. 10 And all the
peoples of the earth shall see that the
name of the LORD is called upon thee;
and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And
the LORD will make thee over-abundant
for good, in the fruit of thy body, and
in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit
of thy land, in the land which the LORD
swore unto thy fathers to give thee.
12 The LORD will open unto thee His
good treasure the heaven to give the
rain of thy land in its season, and to
bless all the work of thy hand; and
thou shalt lend unto many nations, but
thou shalt not borrow. 13 And the LORD
will make thee the head, and not the
tail; and thou shalt be above only, and
thou shalt not be beneath; if thou shalt
hearken unto the commandments of
the LORD thy God, which I command
thee this day, to observe and to do
them; 14 and shalt not turn aside from
any of the words which I command
you this day, to the right hand, or to
the left, to go after other gods to serve
them.

15But it shall come to pass, if thou
wilt not hearken unto the voice of the
LORD thy God, to observe to do all His
commandments and His statutes which
I command thee this day; that all these
curses shall come upon thee, and
overtake thee. 16Cursed shalt thou be
in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in
the field. 17Cursed shall be thy basket
and thy kneading-trough. 18Cursed
shall be the fruit of thy body, and the
fruit of thy land, the increase of thy
kine, and the young of thy flock.
19Cursed shalt thou be when thou
comest in, and cursed shalt thou be
when thou goest out. 20The LORD will
send upon thee cursing, discomfiture,
and rebuke, in all that thou puttest thy
hand unto to do, until thou be
destroyed, and until thou perish
quickly; because of the evil of thy
doings, whereby thou hast forsaken
Me. 21The LORD will make the
pestilence cleave unto thee, until He
have consumed thee from off the land,
whither thou goest in to possess it.
22The LORD will smite thee with
consumption, and with fever, and with
inflammation, and with fiery heat, and
with drought, and with blasting, and
with mildew; and they shall pursue
thee until thou perish. 23And thy
heaven that is over thy head shall be
brass, and the earth that is under thee
shall be iron. 24The LORD will make the
rain of thy land powder and dust; from
heaven shall it come down upon thee,
until thou be destroyed. 25The LORD
will cause thee to be smitten before
thine enemies; thou shalt go out one
way against them, and shalt flee seven
ways before them; and thou shalt be a
horror unto all the kingdoms of the
earth. 26And thy carcasses shall be
food unto all fowls of the air, and unto
the beasts of the earth, and there shall
be none to frighten them away.

27The LORD will smite thee with the
boil of Egypt, and with the emerods,
and with the scab, and with the itch,
whereof thou canst not be healed.
28The LORD will smite thee with
madness, and with blindness, and with
astonishment of heart. 29And thou shalt
grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth
in darkness, and thou shalt not make
thy ways prosperous; and thou shalt be
only oppressed and robbed alway, and
there shall be none to save thee.
30Thou shalt betroth a wife, and
another man shall lie with her; thou
shalt build a house, and thou shalt not
dwell therein; thou shalt plant a
vineyard, and shalt not use the fruit
thereof. 31Thine ox shall be slain
before thine eyes, and thou shalt not
eat thereof; thine ass shall be violently
taken away from before thy face, and
shall not be restored to thee; thy sheep
shall be given unto thine enemies; and
thou shalt have none to save thee.
32Thy sons and thy daughters shall be
given unto another people, and thine
eyes shall look, and fail with longing
for them all the day; and there shall be
nought in the power of thy hand. 33The
fruit of thy land, and all thy labours,
shall a nation which thou knowest not

eat up; and thou shalt be only
oppressed and crushed away: [34]so that
thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine
eyes which thou shalt see. [35]The Lord
will smite thee in the knees, and in the
legs, with a sore boil, whereof thou
canst not be healed, from the sole of
thy foot unto the crown of thy head.
[36]The Lord will bring thee, and thy
king whom thou shalt set over thee,
unto a nation that thou hast not known,
thou nor thy fathers; and there shalt
thou serve other gods, wood and stone.
[37]And thou shalt become an
astonishment, a proverb, and a
byword, among all the peoples whither
the Lord shall lead thee away.

[38]Thou shalt carry much seed out
into the field, and shalt gather little in;
for the locust shall consume it. [39]Thou
shalt plant vineyards and dress them,
but thou shalt neither drink of the
wine, nor gather the grapes; for the
worm shall eat them. [40]Thou shalt have
olive-trees throughout all thy borders,
but thou shalt not anoint thyself with
the oil; for thine olives shall drop off.
[41]Thou shalt beget sons and daughters,
but they shall not be thine; for they
shall go into captivity. [42]All thy trees
and the fruit of thy land shall the
locust possess.

[43]The stranger that is in the midst of
thee shall mount up above thee higher
and higher; and thou shalt come down
lower and lower. [44]He shall lend to
thee, and thou shalt not lend to him; he
shall be the head, and thou shalt be the
tail. [45]And all these curses shall come
upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and
overtake thee, till thou be destroyed;
because thou didst not hearken unto
the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep
His commandments and His statutes
which He commanded thee. [46]And
they shall be upon thee for a sign and
for a wonder, and upon thy seed for
ever; [47]because thou didst not serve the
Lord thy God with joyfulness, and
with gladness of heart, by reason of
the abundance of all things; [48]therefore
shalt thou serve thine enemy whom the
Lord shall send against thee, in
hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness,
and in want of all things; and he shall
put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until
he have destroyed thee.

[49]The Lord will bring a nation
against thee from far, from the end of
the earth, as the vulture swoopeth
down; a nation whose tongue thou
shalt not understand; [50]a nation of
fierce countenance, that shall not
regard the person of the old, nor show
favour to the young. [51]And he shall eat
the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of
thy ground, until thou be destroyed;
that also shall not leave thee corn,
wine, or oil, the increase of thy kine,
or the young of thy flock, until he have
caused thee to perish. [52]And he shall
besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy
high and fortified walls come down,
wherein thou didst trust, throughout all
thy land; and he shall besiege thee in
all thy gates throughout all thy land,
which the Lord thy God hath given
thee. [53]And thou shalt eat the fruit of

thine own body, the flesh of thy sons
and of thy daughters whom the Lord
thy God hath given thee; in the siege
and in the straitness, wherewith thine
enemies shall straiten thee. 54The man
that is tender among you, and very
delicate, his eye shall be evil against
his brother, and against the wife of his
bosom, and against the remnant of his
children whom he hath remaining; 55so
that he will not give to any of them of
the flesh of his children whom he shall
eat, because he hath nothing left him;
in the siege and in the straitness,
wherewith thine enemy shall straiten
thee in all thy gates. 56The tender and
delicate woman among you, who
would not adventure to set the sole of
her foot upon the ground for
delicateness and tenderness, her eye
shall be evil against the husband of her
bosom, and against her son, and
against her daughter; 57and against her
afterbirth that cometh out from
between her feet, and against her
children whom she shall bear; for she
shall eat them for want of all things
secretly; in the siege and in the
straitness, wherewith thine enemy
shall straiten thee in thy gates.

58If thou wilt not observe to do all
the words of this law that are written
in this book, that thou mayest fear this
glorious and awful Name, the Lord thy
God; 59then the Lord will make thy
plagues wonderful, and the plagues of
thy seed, even great plagues, and of
long continuance, and sore sicknesses,
and of long continuance. 60And He
will bring back upon thee all the
diseases of Egypt, which thou wast in
dread of; and they shall cleave unto
thee. 61Also every sickness, and every
plague, which is not written in the
book of this law, them will the Lord
bring upon thee, until thou be
destroyed. 62And ye shall be left few in
number, whereas ye were as the stars
of heaven for multitude; because thou
didst not hearken unto the voice of the
Lord thy God. 63And it shall come to
pass, that as the Lord rejoiced over
you to do you good, and to multiply
you; so the Lord will rejoice over you
to cause you to perish, and to destroy
you; and ye shall be plucked from off
the land whither thou goest in to
possess it. 64And the Lord shall scatter
thee among all peoples, from the one
end of the earth even unto the other
end of the earth; and there thou shalt
serve other gods, which thou hast not
known, thou nor thy fathers, even
wood and stone. 65And among these
nations shalt thou have no repose, and
there shall be no rest for the sole of thy
foot; but the Lord shall give thee there
a trembling heart, and failing of eyes,
and languishing of soul. 66And thy life
shall hang in doubt before thee; and
thou shalt fear night and day, and shalt
have no assurance of thy life. 67In the
morning thou shalt say: 'Would it
were even! ' and at even thou shalt
say: 'Would it were morning! ' for the
fear of thy heart which thou shalt fear,
and for the sight of thine eyes which
thou shalt see. 68And the Lord shall

bring thee back into Egypt in ships, by
the way whereof I said unto thee:
'Thou shalt see it no more again'; and
there ye shall sell yourselves unto your
enemies for bondmen and for
bondwoman, and no man shall buy
you.
[69]These are the words of the
covenant which the LORD commanded
Moses to make with the children of
Israel in the land of Moab, beside the
covenant which He made with them in
Horeb.

29 And Moses called unto all
Israel, and said unto them:
Ye have seen all that the LORD did
before your eyes in the land of Egypt
unto Pharaoh, and unto all his
servants, and unto all his land; [2]the
great trials which thine eyes saw, the
signs and those great wonders; [3]but the
LORD hath not given you a heart to
know, and eyes to see, and ears to
hear, unto this day. [4]And I have led
you forty years in the wilderness; your
clothes are not waxen old upon you,
and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy
foot. [5]Ye have not eaten bread, neither
have ye drunk wine or strong drink;
that ye might know that I am the LORD
your God. [6]And when ye came unto
this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon,
and Og the king of Bashan, came out
against us unto battle, and we smote
them. [7]And we took their land, and
gave it for an inheritance unto the
Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to
the half-tribe of the Manassites.
[8]Observe therefore the words of this
covenant, and do them, that ye may
make all that ye do to prosper.

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[9]Ye are standing this day all of you
before the LORD your God: your heads,
your tribes, your elders, and your
officers, even all the men of Israel,
[10]your little ones, your wives, and thy
stranger that is in the midst of thy
camp, from the hewer of thy wood
unto the drawer of thy water; [11]that
thou shouldest enter into the covenant
of the LORD thy God—and into His
oath—which the LORD thy God maketh
with thee this day; [12]that He may
establish thee this day unto Himself
for a people, and that He may be unto
thee a God, as He spoke unto thee, and
as He swore unto thy fathers, to
Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
[13]Neither with you only do I make this
covenant and this oath; [14]but with him
that standeth here with us this day
before the LORD our God, and also with
him that is not here with us this day—
[15] for ye know how we dwelt in the
land of Egypt; and how we came
through the midst of the nations
through which ye passed; [16]and ye
have seen their detestable things, and
their idols, wood and stone, silver and
gold, which were with them—[17]lest
there should be among you man, or
woman, or family, or tribe, whose
heart turneth away this day from the
LORD our God, to go to serve the gods
of those nations; lest there should be
among you a root that beareth gall and
wormwood; [18] and it come to pass,

when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying: ‘I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart—that the watered be swept away with the dry’; [19]the LORD will not be willing to pardon him, but then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy shall be kindled against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven; [20]and the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law. [21]And the generation to come, your children that shall rise up after you, and the foreigner that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith the LORD hath made it sick; [22]and that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and a burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath; [23]even all the nations shall say ‘Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?’ [24]then men shall say: ‘Because they forsook the covenant of the LORD, the God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; [25]and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods that they knew not, and that He had not allotted unto them; [26]therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book; [27]and the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day’.— [28]The secret things belong unto the LORD our God; but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt bethink thyself among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, [2]and shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and hearken to His voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul; [3]that then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. [4]If any of thine that are dispersed be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will He fetch thee. [5]And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. 7 And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, that persecuted thee. 8 And thou shalt return and hearken to the voice of the LORD, and do all His commandments which I command thee this day. 9 And the LORD thy God will make thee over-abundant in all the work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers; 10 if thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say: ‘Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?’ 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say: ‘Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it?’ 14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil, 16 in that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances; then thou shalt live and multiply, and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. 17 But if thy heart turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; 18 I declare unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go in to possess it. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; 20 to love the LORD thy God, to hearken to His voice, and to cleave unto Him; for that is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

## וילך

31 And Moses went and spoke these words unto all Israel. 2 And he said unto them: ‘I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in; and the LORD hath said unto me: Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 3 The LORD thy God, He will go over before thee; He

will destroy these nations from before
thee, and thou shalt dispossess them;
and Joshua, he shall go over before
thee, as the LORD hath spoken. 4And
the LORD will do unto them as He did
to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the
Amorites, and unto their land; whom
He destroyed. 5And the LORD will
deliver them up before you, and ye
shall do unto them according unto all
the commandment which I have
commanded you. 6Be strong and of
good courage, fear not, nor be
affrighted at them; for the LORD thy
God, He it is that doth go with thee;
He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.'

7And Moses called unto Joshua, and
said unto him in the sight of all Israel:
'Be strong and of good courage; for
thou shalt go with this people into the
land which the LORD hath sworn unto
their fathers to give them; and thou
shalt cause them to inherit it. 8And the
LORD, He it is that doth go before thee;
He will be with thee, He will not fail
thee, neither forsake thee; fear not,
neither be dismayed.'

9And Moses wrote this law, and
delivered it unto the priests the sons of
Levi, that bore the ark of the covenant
of the LORD, and unto all the elders of
Israel. 10And Moses commanded them,
saying: 'At the end of every seven
years, in the set time of the year of
release, in the feast of tabernacles,
11when all Israel is come to appear
before the LORD thy God in the place
which He shall choose, thou shalt read
this law before all Israel in their
hearing. 12Assemble the people, the
men and the women and the little ones,
and thy stranger that is within thy
gates, that they may hear, and that they
may learn, and fear the LORD your
God, and observe to do all the words
of this law; 13and that their children,
who have not known, may hear, and
learn to fear the LORD your God, as
long as ye live in the land whither ye
go over the Jordan to possess it.'

14And the LORD said unto Moses:
'Behold, thy days approach that thou
must die; call Joshua, and present
yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I
may give him a charge.' And Moses
and Joshua went, and presented
themselves in the tent of meeting.
15And the LORD appeared in the Tent in
a pillar of cloud; and the pillar of
cloud stood over the door of the Tent.
16And the LORD said unto Moses:
'Behold, thou art about to sleep with
thy fathers; and this people will rise
up, and go astray after the foreign gods
of the land, whither they go to be
among them, and will forsake Me, and
break My covenant which I have made
with them. 17Then My anger shall be
kindled against them in that day, and I
will forsake them, and I will hide My
face from them, and they shall be
devoured, and many evils and troubles
shall come upon them; so that they
will say in that day: Are not these evils
come upon us because our God is not
among us? 18And I will surely hide My
face in that day for all the evil which
they shall have wrought, in that they

are turned unto other gods. [19]Now
therefore write ye this song for you,
and teach thou it the children of Israel;
put it in their mouths, that this song
may be a witness for Me against the
children of Israel. [20]For when I shall
have brought them into the land which
I swore unto their fathers, flowing with
milk and honey; and they shall have
eaten their fill, and waxen fat; and
turned unto other gods, and served
them, and despised Me, and broken
My covenant; [21]then it shall come to
pass, when many evils and troubles are
come upon them, that this song shall
testify before them as a witness; for it
shall not be forgotten out of the
mouths of their seed; for I know their
imagination how they do even now,
before I have brought them into the
land which I swore.' [22]So Moses wrote
this song the same day, and taught it
the children of Israel. [23]And he gave
Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and
said: 'Be strong and of good courage;
for thou shalt bring the children of
Israel into the land which I swore unto
them; and I will be with thee.'

[24]And it came to pass, when Moses
had made an end of writing the words
of this law in a book, until they were
finished, [25]that Moses commanded the
Levites, that bore the ark of the
covenant of the Lord, saying: [26]'Take
this book of the law, and put it by the
side of the ark of the covenant of the
Lord your God, that it may be there
for a witness against thee. [27]For I know
thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck;
behold, while I am yet alive with you
this day, ye have been rebellious
against the Lord; and how much more
after my death? [28]Assemble unto me
all the elders of your tribes, and your
officers, that I may speak these words
in their ears, and call heaven and earth
to witness against them. [29]For I know
that after my death ye will in any wise
deal corruptly, and turn aside from the
way which I have commanded you;
and evil will befall you in the end of
days; because ye will do that which is
evil in the sight of the Lord, to
provoke Him through the work of your
hands.' [30]And Moses spoke in the ears
of all the assembly of Israel the words
of this song, until they were finished:

## האזינו

32 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak;
And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
[2]My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
My speech shall distil as the dew;
As the small rain upon the tender grass,
And as the showers upon the herb.
[3]For I will proclaim the name of the Lord;
Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

[4]The Rock, His work is perfect;
For all His ways are justice;
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
Just and right is He.

5Is corruption His? No; His children's is the blemish;
A generation crooked and perverse.
6Do ye thus requite the LORD,
O foolish people and unwise?
Is not He thy father that hath gotten thee?
Hath He not made thee, and established thee?

7Remember the days of old,
Consider the years of many generations;
Ask thy father, and he will declare unto thee,
Thine elders, and they will tell thee.
8When the Most High gave to the nations
When He separated the children of men,
He set the borders of the peoples
According to the number of the children of Israel.
9For the portion of the LORD is His people,
Jacob the lot of His inheritance.

10He found him in a desert land,
And in the waste, a howling wilderness;
He compassed him about, He cared for him,
He kept him as the apple of His eye.
11As an eagle that stirreth up her nest,
Hovereth over her young,
Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them,
Beareth them on her pinions—
12The LORD alone did lead him,
And there was no strange god with Him.

13He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
And he did eat the fruitage of the field;
And He made him to suck honey out of the crag,
And oil out of the flinty rock;
14Curd of kine, and milk of sheep,
With fat of lambs,
And rams of the breed of Bashan, and he-goats,
With the kidney-fat of wheat;
And of the blood of the grape thou drankest foaming wine.

15But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked—
Thou didst wax fat, thou didst grow thick, thou didst become gross—
And he forsook God who made him,
And contemned the Rock of his salvation.
16They roused Him to jealousy with strange gods,
With abominations did they provoke Him.
17They sacrificed unto demons, no-gods,
Gods that they knew not,
New gods that came up of late,
Which your fathers dreaded not.
18Of the Rock that begot thee thou wast unmindful,
And didst forget God that bore thee.

[19]And the LORD saw, and spurned,
Because of the provoking of His sons and
His daughters.
[20]And He said: 'I will hide My face from them,
I will see what their end shall be;
For they are a very froward generation,
Children in whom is no faithfulness.
[21]They have roused Me to jealousy with a no-god;
They have provoked Me with their vanities;
And I will rouse them to jealousy with a no-people;
I will provoke them with a vile
nation. [22]For a fire is kindled in
My nostril,
And burneth unto the depths of the nether-world,
And devoureth the earth with her produce,
And setteth ablaze the foundations of the mountains.

[23]I will heap evils upon them;
I will spend Mine arrows upon them;
[24]The wasting of hunger, and the devouring of the fiery bolt,
And bitter destruction;
And the teeth of beasts will I send upon them,
With the venom of crawling things of the dust.
[25]Without shall the sword bereave,
And in the chambers terror;
Slaying both young man and virgin,
The suckling with the man of gray hairs.

[26]I thought I would make an end of them,
I would make their memory cease from among men;
[27]Were it not that I dreaded the enemy's provocation,
Lest their adversaries should misdeem,
Lest they should say: Our hand is exalted,
And not the LORD hath wrought all this.'

[28]For they are a nation void of counsel,
And there is no understanding in them.
[29]If they were wise, they would understand this,
They would discern their latter end.
[30]How should one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Except their Rock had given them over
And the LORD had delivered them up?
[31]For their rock is not as our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves being judges.
[32]For their vine is of the vine of Sodom,
And of the fields of Gomorrah;
Their grapes are grapes of gall,
Their clusters are bitter;
[33]Their wine is the venom of serpents,

And the cruel poison of asps.

[34]'Is not this laid up in store with Me,
Sealed up in My treasuries?
[35]Vengeance is Mine, and recompense,
Against the time when their foot shall slip;
For the day of their calamity is at hand,
And the things that are to come upon them shall make haste.

[36]For the LORD will judge His people,
And repent Himself for His servants;
When He seeth that their stay is gone,
And there is none remaining, shut up or left at large.
[37]And it is said: Where are their gods,
The rock in whom they trusted;
[38]Who did eat the fat of their sacrifices,
And drank the wine of their drink-offering?
Let him rise up and help you,
Let him be your protection.

[39]See now that I, even I, am He,
And there is no god with Me;
I kill, and I make alive;
I have wounded, and I heal;
And there is none that can deliver out of My hand.
[40]For I lift up My hand to heaven,
And say: As I live for ever,
[41]If I whet My glittering sword,
And My hand take hold on judgment;
I will render vengeance to Mine adversaries,
And will recompense them that hate Me.
[42]I will make Mine arrows drunk with blood,
And My sword shall devour flesh;
With the blood of the slain and the captives,
From the long-haired heads of the enemy.'

[43]Sing aloud, O ye nations, of His people;
For He doth avenge the blood of His servants,
And doth render vengeance to His adversaries,
And doth make expiation for the land of His people.

[44]And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.
[45]And when Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel,
[46]he said unto them: 'Set your heart unto all the words wherewith I testify against you this day; that ye may charge your children therewith to observe to do all the words of this law.
[47]For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days upon

the land, whither ye go over the Jordan
to possess it.'
48 And the LORD spoke unto Moses
that selfsame day, saying: 49 'Get thee
up into this mountain of Abarim, unto
mount Nebo, which is in the land of
Moab, that is over against Jericho; and
behold the land of Canaan, which I
give unto the children of Israel for a
possession; 50 and die in the mount
whither thou goest up, and be gathered
unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother
died in mount Hor, and was gathered
unto his people. 51 Because ye
trespassed against Me in the midst of
the children of Israel at the waters of
Meribath-kadesh, in the wilderness of
Zin; because ye sanctified Me not in
the midst of the children of Israel.
52 For thou shalt see the land afar off;
but thou shalt not go thither into the
land which I give the children of
Israel.'

## וזאת הברכה

33 And this is the blessing
wherewith Moses the man of
God blessed the children of Israel
before his death. 2 And he said:

The LORD came from Sinai,
And rose from Seir unto them;
He shined forth from mount Paran,
And He came from the myriads holy,
At His right hand was a fiery law unto them.
3 Yea, He loveth the peoples,
All His holy ones—they are in Thy hand;
And they sit down at Thy feet,
Receiving of Thy words.
4 Moses commanded us a law,
An inheritance of the congregation of
Jacob.
5 And there was a king in Jeshurun,
When the heads of the people were gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together.

6 Let Reuben live, and not die
In that his men become few.

7 And this for Judah, and he said:
Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah,
And bring him in unto his people;
His hands shall contend for him,
And Thou shalt be a help against his adversaries.

8 And of Levi he said:
Thy Thummim and Thy Urim be with Thy holy one,
Whom Thou didst prove at Massah,
With whom Thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;
9 Who said of his father, and of his mother: 'I have not seen him';
Neither did he acknowledge his brethren,
Nor knew he his own children;
For they have observed Thy word,
And keep Thy covenant.
10 They shall teach Jacob Thine ordinances,
And Israel Thy law;
They shall put incense before Thee,
And whole burnt-offering upon Thine altar.

11Bless, Lord, his substance,
And accept the work of his hands;
Smite through the loins of them that rise up against him,
And of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

12Of Benjamin he said:
The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him;
He covereth him all the day,
And He dwelleth between his shoulders.

13And of Joseph he said:
Blessed of the Lord be his land;
For the precious things of heaven, for the dew,
And for the deep that coucheth beneath,
14And for the precious things of the fruits of the sun,
And for the precious things of the yield of the moons,
15And for the tops of the ancient mountains,
And for the precious things of the everlasting hills,
16And for the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof,
And the good will of Him that dwelt in the bush;
Let the blessing come upon the head of
Joseph,
And upon the crown of the head of him that is prince among his brethren.
17His firstling bullock, majesty is his;
And his horns are the horns of the wild-ox;
With them he shall gore the peoples all of them, even the ends of the earth;
And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim,
And they are the thousands of Manasseh.

18And of Zebulun he said:
Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out,
And, Issachar, in thy tents.
19They shall call peoples unto the mountain;
There shall they offer sacrifices of righteousness;
For they shall suck the abundance of the seas,
And the hidden treasures of the sand.

20And of Gad he said:
Blessed be He that enlargeth Gad;
He dwelleth as a lioness,
And teareth the arm, yea, the crown of the head.
21And he chose a first part for himself,
For there a portion of a ruler was reserved;
And there came the heads of the people,
He executed the righteousness of the Lord,
And His ordinances with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said:
Dan is a lion’s whelp,
That leapeth forth from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he said:
O Naphtali, satisfied with favour,
And full with the blessing of the Lord:
Possess thou the sea and the south.

24 And of Asher he said:
Blessed be Asher above sons;
Let him be the favoured of his brethren,
And let him dip his foot in oil.
25 Iron and brass shall be thy bars;
And as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

26 There is none like unto God, O Jeshurun,
Who rideth upon the heaven as thy help,
And in His excellency on the skies.
27 The eternal God is a dwelling-place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms;
And He thrust out the enemy from before thee,
And said: ‘Destroy.’
28 And Israel dwelleth in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of corn and wine;
Yea, his heavens drop down dew.
29 Happy art thou, O Israel, who is like unto thee?
A people saved by the Lord,
The shield of thy help,
And that is the sword of thy excellency!
And thine enemies shall dwindle away before thee;
And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto mount
Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over
against Jericho. And the Lord showed
him all the land, even Gilead as far as
Dan; 2 and all Naphtali, and the land of
Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the
land of Judah as far as the hinder sea;
3 and the South, and the Plain, even the
valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees,
as far as Zoar. 4 And the Lord said unto
him: ‘This is the land which I swore
unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto
Jacob, saying: I will give it unto thy
seed; I have caused thee to see it with
thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over
thither.’ 5 So Moses the servant of the
Lord died there in the land of Moab,
according to the word of the Lord.
6 And he was buried in the valley in the
land of Moab over against Beth-peor;
and no man knoweth of his sepulchre
unto this day. 7 And Moses was a
hundred and twenty years old when he
died: his eye was not dim, nor his
natural force abated. 8 And the children
of Israel wept for Moses in the plains
of Moab thirty days; so the days of
weeping in the mourning for Moses
were ended. 9 And Joshua the son of
Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom;
for Moses had laid his hands upon

him; and the children of Israel
hearkened unto him, and did as the
LORD commanded Moses. 10 And there
hath not arisen a prophet since in Israel
like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew
face to face; 11 in all the signs and the
wonders, which the LORD sent him to
do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh,
and to all his servants, and to all his
land; 12 and in all the mighty hand, and
in all the great terror, which Moses
wrought in the sight of all Israel.

# נביאים

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# יהושע
# JOSHUA

1 Now it came to pass after the
death of Moses the servant of the
LORD, that the LORD spoke unto Joshua
the son of Nun, Moses'minister,
saying: 2'Moses My servant is dead;
now therefore arise, go over this
Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto
the land which I do give to them, even
to the children of Israel. 3Every place
that the sole of your foot shall tread
upon, to you have I given it, as I spoke
unto Moses. 4From the wilderness, and
this Lebanon, even unto the great
river, the river Euphrates, all the land
of the Hittites, and unto the Great Sea
toward the going down of the sun,
shall be your border. 5There shall not
any man be able to stand before thee
all the days of thy life; as I was with
Moses, so I will be with thee; I will
not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6Be
strong and of good courage; for thou
shalt cause this people to inherit the
land which I swore unto their fathers
to give them. 7Only be strong and very
courageous, to observe to do according
to all the law, which Moses My
servant commanded thee; turn not
from it to the right hand or to the left,
that thou mayest have good success
whithersoever thou goest. 8This book
of the law shall not depart out of thy
mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein
day and night, that thou mayest
observe to do according to all that is
written therein; for then thou shalt
make thy ways prosperous, and then
thou shalt have good success. 9Have
not I commanded thee? Be strong and
of good courage; be not affrighted,
neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD
thy God is with thee whithersoever
thou goest.'

10Then Joshua commanded the
officers of the people, saying: 11'Pass
through the midst of the camp, and
command the people, saying: Prepare
you victuals; for within three days ye
are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to
possess the land, which the LORD your
God giveth you to possess it.'

12And to the Reubenites, and to the
Gadites, and to the half-tribe of
Manasseh, spoke Joshua, saying:
13'Remember the word which Moses
the servant of the LORD commanded,
you, saying: The LORD your God
giveth you rest, and will give you this
land. 14Your wives, your little ones,
and your cattle, shall abide in the land
which Moses gave you beyond the
Jordan; but ye shall pass over before
your brethren armed, all the mighty
men of valour, and shall help them;
15until the LORD have given your
brethren rest, as unto you, and they
also have possessed the land which the
LORD your God giveth them; then ye

shall return unto the land of your
possession, and possess it, which
Moses the servant of the LORD gave
you beyond the Jordan toward the
sunrising.'

16 And they answered Joshua, saying:
'All that thou hast commanded us we
will do, and whithersoever thou
sendest us we will go. 17 According as
we hearkened unto Moses in all things,
so will we hearken unto thee; only the
LORD thy God be with thee, as He was
with Moses. 18 Whosoever he be that
shall rebel against thy commandment,
and shall not hearken unto thy words
in all that thou commandest him, he
shall be put to death; only be strong
and of good courage.'

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent
out of Shittim two spies secretly,
saying: 'Go view the land, and
Jericho.' And they went, and came
into the house of a harlot whose name
was Rahab, and lay there. 2 And it was
told the king of Jericho, saying:
'Behold, there came men in hither to-
night of the children of Israel to search
out the land.' 3 And the king of Jericho
sent unto Rahab, saying: 'Bring forth
the men that are come to thee, that are
entered into thy house; for they are
come to search out all the land.' 4 And
the woman took the two men, and hid
them; and she said: 'Yea, the men
came unto me, but I knew not whence
they were; 5 and it came to pass about
the time of the shutting of the gate,
when it was dark, that the men went
out; whither the men went I know not;
pursue after them quickly; for ye shall
overtake them.' 6 But she had brought
them up to the roof, and hid them with
the stalks of flax, which she had
spread out upon the roof. 7 And the
men pursued after them the way to the
Jordan unto the fords; and as soon as
they that pursued after them were gone
out, the gate was shut. 8 And before
they were laid down, she came up unto
them upon the roof; 9 and she said unto
the men: 'I know that the LORD hath
given you the land, and that your terror
is fallen upon us, and that all the
inhabitants of the land melt away
before you. 10 For we have heard how
the LORD dried up the water of the Red
Sea before you, when ye came out of
Egypt; and what ye did unto the two
kings of the Amorites, that were
beyond the Jordan, unto Sihon and to
Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. 11 And
as soon as we had heard it, our hearts
did melt, neither did there remain any
more spirit in any man, because of
you; for the LORD your God, He is God
in heaven above, and on earth beneath.
12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear
unto me by the LORD, since I have
dealt kindly with you, that ye also will
deal kindly with my father's house—
and give me a true token—13 and save
alive my father, and my mother, and
my brethren, and my sisters, and all
that they have, and deliver our lives
from death.' 14 And the men said unto
her: 'Our life for yours, if ye tell not
this our business; and it shall be, when
the LORD giveth us the land, that we

will deal kindly and truly with thee.’
[15]Then she let them down by a cord
through the window; for her house was
upon the side of the wall, and she
dwelt upon the wall. [16]And she said
unto them: ‘Get you to the mountain,
lest the pursuers light upon you; and
hide yourselves there three days, until
the pursuers be returned; and afterward
may ye go your way.’ [17]And the men
said unto her: ‘We will be guiltless of
this thine oath which thou hast made
us to swear. [18]Behold, when we come
into the land, thou shalt bind this line
of scarlet thread in the window which
thou didst let us down by; and thou
shalt gather unto thee into the house
thy father, and thy mother, and thy
brethren, and all thy father’s
household. [19]And it shall be, that
whosoever shall go out of the doors of
thy house into the street, his blood
shall be upon his head, and we will be
guiltless; and whosoever shall be with
thee in the house, his blood shall be on
our head, if any hand be upon him.
[20]But if thou utter this our business,
then we will be guiltless of thine oath
which thou hast made us to swear.’
[21]And she said: ‘According unto your
words, so be it.’ And she sent them
away, and they departed; and she
bound the scarlet line in the window.
[22]And they went, and came unto the
mountain, and abode there three days,
until the pursuers were returned; and
the pursuers sought them throughout
all the way, but found them not.
[23]Then the two men returned, and
descended from the mountain, and
passed over, and came to Joshua the
son of Nun; and they told him all that
had befallen them. [24]And they said
unto Joshua: ‘Truly the Lord hath
delivered into our hands all the land;
and moreover all the inhabitants of the
land do melt away before us.’

3 And Joshua rose up early in the
morning, and they removed from
Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he
and all the children of Israel; and they
lodged there before they passed over.
[2]And it came to pass after three days,
that the officers went through the
midst of the camp; [3]and they
commanded the people, saying: ‘When
ye see the ark of the covenant of the
Lord your God, and the priests the
Levites bearing it, then ye shall
remove from your place, and go after
it. [4]Yet there shall be a space between
you and it, about two thousand cubits
by measure; come not near unto it, that
ye may know the way by which ye
must go; for ye have not passed this
way heretofore.’

[5]And Joshua said unto the people:
‘Sanctify yourselves; for to-morrow
the Lord will do wonders among you.’
[6]And Joshua spoke unto the priests,
saying: ‘Take up the ark of the
covenant, and pass on before the
people.’ And they took up the ark of
the covenant, and went before the
people.

[7]And the Lord said unto Joshua:
‘This day will I begin to magnify thee
in the sight of all Israel, that they may

know that, as I was with Moses, so I
will be with thee. 8And thou shalt
command the priests that bear the ark
of the covenant, saying: When ye are
come to the brink of the waters of the
Jordan, ye shall stand still in the
Jordan.’
9And Joshua said unto the children
of Israel: ‘Come hither, and hear the
words of the Lord your God.’ 10And
Joshua said: ‘Hereby ye shall know
that the living God is among you, and
that He will without fail drive out from
before you the Canaanite, and the
Hittite, and the Hivite, and the
Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the
Amorite, and the Jebusite. 11Behold,
the ark of the covenant of the Lord of
all the earth passeth on before you
over the Jordan. 12Now therefore take
you twelve men out of the tribes of
Israel, for every tribe a man. 13And it
shall come to pass, when the soles of
the feet of the priests that bear the ark
of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth,
shall rest in the waters of the Jordan,
that the waters of the Jordan shall be
cut off, even the waters that come
down from above; and they shall stand
in one heap.’ 14And it came to pass,
when the people removed from their
tents, to pass over the Jordan, the
priests that bore the ark of the
covenant being before the people;
15and when they that bore the ark were
come unto the Jordan, and the feet of
the priests that bore the ark were
dipped in the brink of the water—for
the Jordan overfloweth all its banks all
the time of harvest—16that the waters
which came down from above stood,
and rose up in one heap, a great way
off from Adam, the city that is beside
Zarethan; and those that went down
toward the sea of the Arabah, even the
Salt Sea, were wholly cut off; and the
people passed over right against
Jericho. 17And the priests that bore the
ark of the covenant of the Lord stood
firm on dry ground in the midst of the
Jordan, while all Israel passed over on
dry ground, until all the nation were
passed clean over the Jordan.

4 And it came to pass, when all the
nation were clean passed over the
Jordan, that the Lord spoke unto
Joshua, saying: 2’Take you twelve men
out of the people, out of every tribe a
man, 3and command ye them, saying:
Take you hence out of the midst of the
Jordan, out of the place where the
priests’feet stood, twelve stones made
ready, and carry them over with you,
and lay them down in the lodging-
place, where ye shall lodge this night.’
4Then Joshua called the twelve men,
whom he had prepared of the children
of Israel, out of every tribe a man; 5and
Joshua said unto them: ‘Pass on before
the ark of the Lord your God into the
midst of the Jordan, and take you up
every man of you a stone upon his
shoulder, according unto the number
of the tribes of the children of Israel;
6that this may be a sign among you,
that when your children ask in time to
come, saying: What mean ye by these
stones? 7then ye shall say unto them:

Because the waters of the Jordan were
cut off before the ark of the covenant
of the LORD; when it passed over the
Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were
cut off; and these stones shall be for a
memorial unto the children of Israel
for ever.’ [8]And the children of Israel
did so as Joshua commanded, and took
up twelve stones out of the midst of
the Jordan, as the LORD spoke unto
Joshua, according to the number of the
tribes of the children of Israel; and
they carried them over with them unto
the place where they lodged, and laid
them down there. [9]Joshua also set up
twelve stones in the midst of the
Jordan, in the place where the feet of
the priests that bore the ark of the
covenant stood; and they are there
unto this day. [10]And the priests that
bore the ark stood in the midst of the
Jordan, until every thing was finished
that the LORD commanded Joshua to
speak unto the people, according to all
that Moses commanded Joshua; and
the people hastened and passed over.
[11]And it came to pass, when all the
people were clean passed over, that the
ark of the LORD passed on, and the
priests, before the people. [12]And the
children of Reuben, and the children of
Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh,
passed on armed before the children of
Israel, as Moses spoke unto them;
[13]about forty thousand ready armed for
war passed on in the presence of the
LORD unto battle, to the plains of
Jericho.

[14]On that day the LORD magnified
Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and
they feared him, as they feared Moses,
all the days of his life.

[15]And the LORD spoke unto Joshua,
saying: [16]’Command the priests that
bear the ark of the testimony, that they
come up out of the Jordan.’ [17]Joshua
therefore commanded the priests,
saying: ‘Come ye up out of the
Jordan.’ [18]And it came to pass, as the
priests that bore the ark of the
covenant of the LORD came up out of
the midst of the Jordan, as soon as the
soles of the priests’feet were drawn up
unto the dry ground, that the waters of
the Jordan returned unto their place,
and went over all its banks, as
aforetime. [19]And the people came up
out of the Jordan on the tenth day of
the first month, and encamped in
Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho.
[20]And those twelve stones, which they
took out of the Jordan, did Joshua set
up in Gilgal. [21]And he spoke unto the
children of Israel, saying: ‘When your
children shall ask their fathers in time
to come, saying: What mean these
stones? [22]then ye shall let your
children know, saying: Israel came
over this Jordan on dry land. [23]For the
LORD your God dried up the waters of
Jordan from before you, until ye were
passed over, as the LORD your God did
to the Red Sea, which He dried up
from before us, until we were passed
over, [24]that all the peoples of the earth
may know the hand of the LORD, that it

is mighty; that ye may fear the Lord
your God for ever.'

5 And it came to pass, when all the
kings of the Amorites, that were
beyond the Jordan westward, and all
the kings of the Canaanites, that were
by the sea, heard how that the Lord
had dried up the waters of the Jordan
from before the children of Israel, until
they were passed over, that their heart
melted, neither was there spirit in them
any more, because of the children of
Israel.

2 At that time the Lord said unto
Joshua: 'Make thee knives of flint, and
circumcise again the children of Israel
the second time.' 3 And Joshua made
him knives of flint, and circumcised
the children of Israel at [a]Gibeath-ha-
araloth. 4 And this is the cause why
Joshua did circumcise: all the people
that came forth out of Egypt, that were
males, even all the men of war, died in
the wilderness by the way, after they
came forth out of Egypt. 5 For all the
people that came out were
circumcised; but all the people that
were born in the wilderness by the way
as they came forth out of Egypt, had
not been circumcised. 6 For the children
of Israel walked forty years in the
wilderness, till all the nation, even the
men of war that came forth out of
Egypt, were consumed, because they
hearkened not unto the voice of the
Lord; unto whom the Lord swore that
He would not let them see the land
which the Lord swore unto their
fathers that He would give us, a land
flowing with milk and honey. 7 And He
raised up their children in their stead;
them did Joshua circumcise; for they
were uncircumcised, because they had
not been circumcised by the way. 8 And
it came to pass, when all the nation
were circumcised, every one of them,
that they abode in their places in the
camp, till they were whole.

9 And the Lord said unto Joshua:
'This day have I rolled away the
reproach of Egypt from off you.'
Wherefore the name of that place was
called [b]Gilgal, unto this day.

10 And the children of Israel
encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the
passover on the fourteenth day of the
month at even in the plains of Jericho.
11 And they did eat of the produce of
the land on the morrow after the
passover, unleavened cakes and
parched corn, in the selfsame day.
12 And the manna ceased on the
morrow, after they had eaten of the
produce of the land; neither had the
children of Israel manna any more; but
they did eat of the fruit of the land of
Canaan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua
was by Jericho, that he lifted up his
eyes and looked, and, behold, there
stood a man over against him with his
sword drawn in his hand; and Joshua
went unto him, and said unto him: 'Art
thou for us, or for our adversaries?'

[a] That is, *The hill of the foreskins*.

[b] That is, *Rolling*.

14And he said: ‘Nay, but I am captain
of the host of the LORD; I am now
come.’ And Joshua fell on his face to
the earth, and bowed down, and said
unto him: ‘What saith my lord unto his
servant?’ 15And the captain of the
LORD’S host said unto Joshua: ‘Put off
thy shoe from off thy foot; for the
place whereon thou standest is holy.’
And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up
because of the children of Israel:
none went out, and none came in.—
2And the LORD said unto Joshua: ‘See,
I have given into thy hand Jericho, and
the king thereof, even the mighty men
of valour. 3And ye shall compass the
city, all the men of war, going about
the city once. Thus shalt thou do six
days. 4And seven priests shall bear
seven rams’horns before the ark; and
the seventh day ye shall compass the
city seven times, and the priests shall
blow with the horns. 5And it shall be,
that when they make a long blast with
the ram’s horn, and when ye hear the
sound of the horn, all the people shall
shout with a great shout; and the wall
of the city shall fall down flat, and the
people shall go up every man straight
before him.’ 6And Joshua the son of
Nun called the priests, and said unto
them: ‘Take up the ark of the
covenant, and let seven priests bear
seven rams’horns before the ark of the
LORD.’ 7And he said unto the people:
‘Pass on, and compass the city, and let
the armed body pass on before the ark
of the LORD.’ 8And it was so, that when
Joshua had spoken unto the people, the
seven priests bearing the seven
rams’horns before the LORD passed on,
and blew with the horns; and the ark of
the covenant of the LORD followed
them. 9And the armed men went
before the priests that blew the horns,
and the rearward went after the ark,
[the priests] blowing with the horns
continually. 10And Joshua commanded
the people, saying: ‘Ye shall not shout,
nor let your voice be heard, neither
shall any word proceed out of your
mouth, until the day I bid you shout;
then shall ye shout.’ 11So he caused the
ark of the LORD to compass the city,
going about it once; and they came
into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12And Joshua rose early in the
morning, and the priests took up the
ark of the LORD. 13And the seven
priests bearing the seven rams’horns
before the ark of the LORD went on
continually, and blew with the horns;
and the armed men went before them;
and the rearward came after the ark of
the LORD, [the priests] blowing with
the horns continually. 14And the
second day they compassed the city
once, and returned into the camp; so
they did six days. 15And it came to
pass on the seventh day, that they rose
early at the dawning of the day, and
compassed the city after the same
manner seven times; only on that day
they compassed the city seven times.
16And it came to pass at the seventh
time, when the priests blew with the
horns, that Joshua said unto the

people: ‘Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. 17And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is therein, to the Lord; only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed by taking of the devoted thing, so should ye make the camp of Israel accursed, and trouble it. 19But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.’ 20So the people shouted, and [the priests] blew with the horns. And it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the horn, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. 21And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. 22And Joshua said unto the two men that had spied out the land: ‘Go into the harlot’s house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that she hath, as ye swore unto her.’ 23And the young men the spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had, all her kindred also they brought out; and they set them without the camp of Israel. 24And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. 25But Rahab the harlot, and her father’s household, and all that she had, did Joshua save alive; and she dwelt in the midst of Israel, unto this day; because she hid the messengers, whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

26And Joshua charged the people with an oath at that time, saying: ‘Cursed be the man before the Lord, that riseth up and buildeth this city, even Jericho; with the loss of his first-born shall he lay the foundation thereof, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it.’

27So the Lord was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land.

7 But the children of Israel committed a trespass concerning the devoted thing; for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the devoted thing; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.

2And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spoke unto them, saying: ‘Go up and spy out the land.’ And the men went up and spied out Ai. 3And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him: ‘Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; make not all the people to toil thither; for they are but few.’ 4So there

went up thither of the people about three thousand men; and they fled before the men of Ai. [5]And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men; and they chased them from before the gate even unto Shebarim, and smote them at the descent; and the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. [6]And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust upon their heads. [7]And Joshua said: ‘Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast Thou at all brought this people over the Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? would that we had been content and dwelt beyond the Jordan! [8]Oh, Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel hath turned their backs before their enemies! [9]For when the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land hear of it, they will compass us round, and cut off our name from the earth; and what wilt Thou do for Thy great name?’

[10]And the LORD said unto Joshua: ‘Get thee up; wherefore, now, art thou fallen upon thy face? [11]Israel hath sinned; yea, they have even transgressed My covenant which I commanded them; yea, they have even taken of the devoted thing; and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have even put it among their own stuff. [12]Therefore the children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies, they turn their backs before their enemies, because they are become accursed; I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. [13]Up, sanctify the people, and say: Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow; for thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: There is a curse in the midst of thee, O Israel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. [14]In the morning therefore ye shall draw near by your tribes; and it shall be, that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come near by families; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come near by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come near man by man. [15]And it shall be that he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought a wanton deed in Israel.’

[16]So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken. [17]And he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites. And he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken. [18]And he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. [19]And Joshua said unto Achan: ‘My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the

LORD, the God of Israel, and make confession unto Him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide nothing from me.’ [20]And Achan answered Joshua, and said: ‘Of a truth I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done. [21]When I saw among the spoil a goodly Shinar mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.’ [22]So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. [23]And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel; and they laid them down before the LORD. [24]And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the mantle, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had; and they brought them up unto the valley of Achor. [25]And Joshua said: ‘Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day.’ And all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. [26]And they raised over him a great heap of stones, unto this day; and the LORD turned from the fierceness of His anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called The valley of [a]Achor, unto this day.

8 And the LORD said unto Joshua: ‘Fear not, neither be thou dismayed; take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land. [2]And thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king; only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves; set thee an ambush for the city behind it.’ [3]So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai; and Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valour, and sent them forth by night. [4]And he commanded them, saying: ‘Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city; go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready. [5]And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city; and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them. [6]And they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say: They flee before us, as at the first; so we will flee before them. [7]And ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. [8]And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, that ye shall set the city on fire;

[a] That is, *Troubling*.

according to the word of the Lord
shall ye do; see, I have commanded
you.’ 9And Joshua sent them forth; and
they went to the ambushment, and
abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the
west side of Ai; but Joshua lodged that
night among the people.

10And Joshua rose up early in the
morning, and numbered the people,
and went up, he and the elders of
Israel, before the people to Ai. 11And
all the people, even the men of war
that were with him, went up, and drew
nigh, and came before the city, and
pitched on the north side of Ai—now
there was a valley between him and
Ai. 12And he took about five thousand
men, and set them in ambush between
Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai.
13So the people set themselves in
array, even all the host that was on the
north of the city, their rear lying in
wait on the west of the city; and
Joshua went that night into the midst
of the vale. 14And it came to pass,
when the king of Ai saw it, that the
men of the city hastened and rose up
early and went out against Israel to
battle, he and all his people, at the time
appointed, in front of the Arabah; but
he knew not that there was an ambush
against him behind the city. 15And
Joshua and all Israel made as if they
were beaten before them, and fled by
the way of the wilderness. 16And all
the people that were in Ai were called
together to pursue after them; and they
pursued after Joshua, and were drawn
away from the city. 17And there was
not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that
went not out after Israel; and they left
the city open, and pursued after Israel.

18And the Lord said unto Joshua:
‘Stretch out the javelin that is in thy
hand toward Ai; for I will give it into
thy hand.’ And Joshua stretched out
the javelin that was in his hand toward
the city. 19And the ambush arose
quickly out of their place, and they ran
as soon as he had stretched out his
hand, and entered into the city, and
took it; and they hastened and set the
city on fire. 20And when the men of Ai
looked behind them, they saw, and,
behold, the smoke of the city ascended
up to heaven, and they had no power
to flee this way or that way; and the
people that fled to the wilderness
turned back upon the pursuers. 21And
when Joshua and all Israel saw that the
ambush had taken the city, and that the
smoke of the city ascended, then they
turned back, and slew the men of Ai.
22And the other came forth out of the
city against them; so they were in the
midst of Israel, some on this side, and
some on that side; and they smote
them, so that they let none of them
remain or escape. 23And the king of Ai
they took alive, and brought him to
Joshua.

24And it came to pass, when Israel
had made an end of slaying all the
inhabitants of Ai in the field, even in
the wilderness wherein they pursued
them, and they were all fallen by the
edge of the sword, until they were
consumed, that all Israel returned unto

Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. 25 And all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. 26 For Joshua drew not back his hand, wherewith he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the LORD which He commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap for ever, even a desolation, unto this day. 29 And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the eventide; and at the going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entrance of the gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap of stones, unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD, the God of Israel, in mount Ebal, 31 as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, upon which no man had lifted up any iron; and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote before the children of Israel. 33 And all Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, that bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger as the home-born; half of them in front of mount Gerizim and half of them in front of mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that walked among them.

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings that were beyond the Jordan, in the hill-country, and in the Lowland, and on all the shore of the Great Sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof, 2 that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine skins, worn and rent and patched up; 5 and worn shoes and clouted upon their feet, and worn garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and was become crumbs. 6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the

men of Israel: ‘We are come from a far
country; now therefore make ye a
covenant with us.’ 7And the men of
Israel said unto the Hivites:
‘Peradventure ye dwell among us; and
how shall we make a covenant with
you?’ 8And they said unto Joshua: ‘We
are thy servants.’ And Joshua said unto
them: ‘Who are ye? and from whence
come ye?’ 9And they said unto him:
‘From a very far country thy servants
are come because of the name of the
Lord thy God; for we have heard the
fame of Him, and all that He did in
Egypt, 10and all that He did to the two
kings of the Amorites, that were
beyond the Jordan, to Sihon king of
Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan,
who was at Ashtaroth. 11And our
elders and all the inhabitants of our
country spoke to us, saying: Take
provision in your hand for the journey,
and go to meet them, and say unto
them: We are your servants; and now
make ye a covenant with us. 12This our
bread we took hot for our provision
out of our houses on the day we came
forth to go unto you; but now, behold,
it is dry, and is become crumbs. 13And
these wine-skins, which we filled,
were new; and, behold, they are rent.
And these our garments and our shoes
are worn by reason of the very long
journey.’ 14And the men took of their
provision, and asked not counsel at the
mouth of the Lord. 15And Joshua made
peace with them, and made a covenant
with them, to let them live; and the
princes of the congregation swore unto
them.

16And it came to pass at the end of
three days after they had made a
covenant with them, that they heard
that they were their neighbours, and
that they dwelt among them. 17And the
children of Israel journeyed, and came
unto their cities on the third day. Now
their cities were Gibeon, and
Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-
jearim. 18And the children of Israel
smote them not, because the princes of
the congregation had sworn unto them
by the Lord, the God of Israel. And all
the congregation murmured against the
princes. 19But all the princes said unto
all the congregation: ‘We have sworn
unto them by the Lord, the God of
Israel; now therefore we may not
touch them. 20This we will do to them,
and let them live; lest wrath be upon
us, because of the oath which we
swore unto them.’ 21And the princes
said concerning them: ‘Let them live’;
so they became hewers of wood and
drawers of water unto all the
congregation, as the princes had
spoken concerning them. 22And Joshua
called for them, and he spoke unto
them, saying: ‘Wherefore have ye
beguiled us, saying: We are very far
from you, when ye dwell among us?
23Now therefore ye are cursed, and
there shall never fail to be of you
bondmen, both hewers of wood and
drawers of water for the house of my
God.’ 24And they answered Joshua,
and said: ‘Because it was certainly told

thy servants, how that the LORD thy
God commanded His servant Moses to
give you all the land, and to destroy all
the inhabitants of the land from before
you; therefore we were sore afraid for
our lives because of you, and have
done this thing. 25And now, behold, we
are in thy hand: as it seemeth good and
right unto thee to do unto us, do.'
26And so did he unto them, and
delivered them out of the hand of the
children of Israel, that they slew them
not. 27And Joshua made them that day
hewers of wood and drawers of water
for the congregation, and for the altar
of the LORD, unto this day, in the place
which He should choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when
Adoni-zedek king of
Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken
Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he
had done to Jericho and her king, so he
had done to Ai and her king; and how
the inhabitants of Gibeon had made
peace with Israel, and were among
them; 2that they feared greatly,
because Gibeon was a great city, as
one of the royal cities, and because it
was greater than Ai, and all the men
thereof were mighty. 3Wherefore
Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent
unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto
Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto
Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir
king of Eglon, saying: 4'Come up unto
me, and help me, and let us smite
Gibeon; for it hath made peace with
Joshua and with the children of Israel.'
5Therefore the five kings of the
Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the
king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth,
the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon,
gathered themselves together, and
went up, they and all their hosts, and
encamped against Gibeon, and made
war against it. 6And the men of Gibeon
sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal,
saying: 'Slack not thy hands from thy
servants; come up to us quickly, and
save us, and help us; for all the kings
of the Amorites that dwell in the hill-
country are gathered together against
us.' 7So Joshua went up from Gilgal,
he, and all the people of war with him,
and all the mighty men of valour.

8And the LORD said unto Joshua:
'Fear them not; for I have delivered
them into thy hand; there shall not a
man of them stand against thee.'
9Joshua therefore came upon them
suddenly; for he went up from Gilgal
all the night. 10And the LORD
discomfited them before Israel, and
slew them with a great slaughter at
Gibeon; and they chased them by the
way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and
smote them to Azekah, and unto
Makkedah. 11And it came to pass, as
they fled from before Israel, while they
were at the descent of Beth-horon, that
the LORD cast down great stones from
heaven upon them unto Azekah, and
they died; they were more who died
with the hailstones than they whom the
children of Israel slew with the sword.

12Then spoke Joshua to the LORD in
the day when the LORD delivered up
the Amorites before the children of

Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel:

‘Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon;
And thou, Moon, in the valley of
Aijalon.’
13And the sun stood still, and the
moon stayed,
Until the nation had avenged
themselves of their enemies.

Is not this written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man; for the LORD fought for Israel.

15And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17And it was told Joshua, saying: ‘The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah.’ 18And Joshua said: ‘Roll great stones unto the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep them; 19but stay not ye; pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities; for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.’ 20And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fortified cities, 21that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace; none whetted his tongue against any of the children of Israel. 22Then said Joshua: ‘Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings unto me out of the cave.’ 23And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon. 24And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the chiefs of the men of war that went with him: ‘Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings.’ And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25And Joshua said unto them: ‘Fear not, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage; for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.’ 26And afterward Joshua smote them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees; and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. 27And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, unto this very day.

28And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof; he utterly destroyed them and all the souls that were therein, he left none

remaining; and he did to the king of
Makkedah as he had done unto the
king of Jericho.
29 And Joshua passed from
Makkedah, and all Israel with him,
unto Libnah, and fought against
Libnah. 30 And the LORD delivered it
also, and the king thereof, into the
hand of Israel; and he smote it with the
edge of the sword, and all the souls
that were therein; he left none
remaining in it; and he did unto the
king thereof as he had done unto the
king of Jericho.
31 And Joshua passed from Libnah,
and all Israel with him, unto Lachish,
and encamped against it, and fought
against it. 32 And the LORD delivered
Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he
took it on the second day, and smote it
with the edge of the sword, and all the
souls that were therein, according to
all that he had done to Libnah.
33 Then Horam king of Gezer came
up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote
him and his people, until he had left
him none remaining.
34 And Joshua passed from Lachish,
and all Israel with him, unto Eglon;
and they encamped against it, and
fought against it. 35 And they took it on
that day, and smote it with the edge of
the sword, and all the souls that were
therein he utterly destroyed that day,
according to all that he had done to
Lachish.
36 And Joshua went up from Eglon,
and all Israel with him, unto Hebron;
and they fought against it. 37 And they
took it, and smote it with the edge of
the sword, and the king thereof, and all
the cities thereof, and all the souls that
were therein; he left none remaining,
according to all that he had done to
Eglon; but he utterly destroyed it, and
all the souls that were therein.
38 And Joshua turned back, and all
Israel with him, to Debir; and fought
against it. 39 And he took it, and the
king thereof, and all the cities thereof;
and they smote them with the edge of
the sword, and utterly destroyed all the
souls that were therein; he left none
remaining; as he had done to Hebron,
so he did to Debir, and to the king
thereof; as he had done also to Libnah,
and to the king thereof.
40 So Joshua smote all the land, the
hill-country, and the South, and the
Lowland, and the slopes, and all their
kings; he left none remaining; but he
utterly destroyed all that breathed, as
the LORD, the God of Israel,
commanded. 41 And Joshua smote them
from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza,
and all the country of Goshen, even
unto Gibeon. 42 And all these kings and
their land did Joshua take at one time,
because the LORD, the God of Israel,
fought for Israel. 43 And Joshua
returned, and all Israel with him, unto
the camp to Gilgal.

11 And it came to pass, when
Jabin king of Hazor heard
thereof, that he sent to Jobab king of
Madon, and to the king of Shimron,
and to the king of Achshaph, 2 and to
the kings that were on the north, in the

hill-country and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the Lowland, and in the regions of Dor on the west, [3]to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill-country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. [4]And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea-shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. [5]And all these kings met together, and they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

[6]And the LORD said unto Joshua: ‘Be not afraid because of them; for to-morrow at this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel; thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.’ [7]So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell upon them. [8]And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. [9]And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him; he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

[10]And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. [11]And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them; there was none left that breathed; and he burnt Hazor with fire. [12]And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. [13]But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only—that did Joshua burn. [14]And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any that breathed. [15]As the LORD commanded Moses His servant, so did Moses command Joshua; and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

[16]So Joshua took all that land, the hill-country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the Lowland, and the Arabah, and the hill-country of Israel, and the Lowland of the same; [17]from the bare mountain, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon; and all their kings he took, and smote them, and put them to death. [18]Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. [19]There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon; they took all in

battle. [20]For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that they might be utterly destroyed, that they might have no favour, but that they might be destroyed, as the LORD commanded Moses.

[21]And Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill-country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill-country of Judah, and from all the hill-country of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. [22]There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel; only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some remain. [23]So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD spoke unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

12 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising, from the valley of Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: [2]Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, and the middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, the border of the children of Ammon; [3]and the Arabah unto the sea of Chinneroth, eastward, and unto the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah; [4]and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, [5]and ruled in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half Gilead, even unto the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. [6]Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smote them; and Moses the servant of the LORD gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

[7]And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children of Israel smote beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the bare mountain, that goeth up to Seir; and Joshua gave it unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; [8]in the hill-country, and in the Lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite:

[9]the king of Jericho, one;
the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one;
[10]the king of Jerusalem, one;
the king of Hebron, one;
[11]the king of Jarmuth, one;
the king of Lachish, one;
[12]the king of Eglon, one;
the king of Gezer, one;

[13]the king of Debir, one;
the king of Geder, one;
[14]the king of Hormah, one;
the king of Arad, one;
[15]the king of Libnah, one;
the king of Adullam, one;
[16]the king of Makkedah, one;
the king of Beth-el, one;
[17]the king of Tappuah, one;
the king of Hepher, one;
[18]the king of Aphek, one;
the king of the Sharon, one;
[19]the king of Madon, one;
the king of Hazor, one;
[20]the king of Shimron-meron, one;
the king of Achshaph, one;
[21]the king of Taanach, one;
the king of Megiddo, one;
[22]the king of Kedesh, one;
the king of Jokneam in Carmel, one;
[23]the king of Dor in the region of
Dor, one;
the king of Goiim in the Gilgal, one;
[24]the king of Tirzah, one.
All the kings thirty and one.

13 Now Joshua was old and well
stricken in years; and the Lord
said unto him: 'Thou art old and well
stricken in years, and there remaineth
yet very much land to be possessed.
[2]This is the land that yet remaineth: all
the regions of the Philistines, and all
the Geshurites; [3]from the Shihor,
which is before Egypt, even unto the
border of Ekron northward—which is
counted to the Canaanites; the five
lords of the Philistines: the Gazite, and
the Ashdodite, the Ashkelonite, the
Gittite, and the Ekronite; also the
Avvim [4]on the south; all the land of the
Canaanites, and Mearah that belongeth
to the Zidonians, unto Aphek, to the
border of the Amorites; [5]and the land
of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon,
toward the sunrising, from Baal-gad
under mount Hermon unto the
entrance of Hamath; [6]all the
inhabitants of the hill-country from
Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, even
all the Zidonians; them will I drive out
from before the children of Israel; only
allot thou it unto Israel for an
inheritance, as I have commanded
thee. [7]Now therefore divide this land
for an inheritance unto the nine tribes,
and the half-tribe of Manasseh.' [8]With
him the Reubenites and the Gadites
received their inheritance, which
Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan
eastward, even as Moses the servant of
the Lord gave them; [9]from Aroer, that
is on the edge of the valley of Arnon,
and the city that is in the middle of the
valley, and all the table-land from
Medeba unto Dibon; [10]and all the cities
of Sihon king of the Amorites, who
reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of
the children of Ammon; [11]and Gilead,
and the border of the Geshurites and
Maacathites, and all mount Hermon,
and all Bashan unto Salcah; [12]all the
kingdom of Og in Bashan, who
reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei—the
same was left of the remnant of the
Rephaim— for these did Moses smite,
and drove them out. [13]Nevertheless the
children of Israel drove not out the
Geshurites, nor the Maacathites; but

Geshur and Maacath dwelt in the
midst of Israel unto this day. [14]Only
unto the tribe of Levi he gave no
inheritance; the offerings of the LORD,
the God of Israel, made by fire are his
inheritance, as He spoke unto him.

[15]And Moses gave unto the tribe of
the children of Reuben according to
their families. [16]And their border was
from Aroer, that is on the edge of the
valley of Arnon, and the city that is in
the middle of the valley, and all the
table-land by Medeba; [17]Heshbon, and
all her cities that are in the table-land;
Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-
baal-meon; [18]and Jahaz, and
Kedemoth, and Mephaath; [19]and
Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and
Zerethshahar in the mount of the
valley; [20]and Beth-peor, and the slopes
of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth; [21]and
all the cities of the table-land, and all
the kingdom of Sihon king of the
Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon,
whom Moses smote with the chiefs of
Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and
Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon,
that dwelt in the land. [22]Balaam also
the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the
children of Israel slay with the sword
among the rest of their slain. [23]And as
for the border of the children of
Reuben, the Jordan was their border.
This was the inheritance of the
children of Reuben according to their
families, the cities and the villages
thereof.

[24]And Moses gave unto the tribe of
Gad, unto the children of Gad,
according to their families. [25]And their
border was Jazer, and all the cities of
Gilead, and half the land of the
children of Ammon, unto Aroer that is
before Rabbah; [26]and from Heshbon
unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim;
and from Mahanaim unto the border of
Lidbir; [27]and in the valley, Beth-
haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth,
and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of
Sihon king of Heshbon, the Jordan
being the border thereof, unto the
uttermost part of the sea of Chinnereth
beyond the Jordan eastward. [28]This is
the inheritance of the children of Gad
according to their families, the cities
and the villages thereof.

[29]And Moses gave inheritance unto
the half-tribe of Manasseh; and it was
for the half-tribe of the children of
Manasseh according to their families.
[30]And their border was from
Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the
kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all
the villages of Jair, which are in
Bashan, threescore cities; [31]and half
Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the
cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan,
were for the children of Machir the son
of Manasseh, even for the half of the
children of Machir according to their
families.

[32]These are the inheritances which
Moses distributed in the plains of
Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho,
eastward. [33]But unto the tribe of Levi
Moses gave no inheritance; the LORD,
the God of Israel, is their inheritance,
as He spoke unto them.

**14** And these are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers'houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed unto them, 2 by the lot of their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe.— 3 For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half-tribe beyond the Jordan; but unto the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim; and they gave no portion unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with the open land about them for their cattle and for their substance.— 5 As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

6 Then the children of Judah drew nigh unto Joshua in Gilgal; and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him: 'Thou knowest the thing that the LORD spoke unto Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning thee in Kadesh-barnea. 7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him back word as it was in my heart. 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed the LORD my God. 9 And Moses swore on that day, saying: Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy children for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God. 10 And now, behold, the LORD hath kept me alive, as He spoke, these forty and five years, from the time that the LORD spoke this word unto Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness; and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old. 11 As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spoke in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakim were there, and cities great and fortified; it may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as the LORD spoke.' 13 And Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, unto this day; because that he wholly followed the LORD, the God of Israel. 15 Now the name of Hebron beforetime was [a]Kiriath-arba, which Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

**15** And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was unto the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin

[a] That is, *The city of Arba*.

southward, at the uttermost part of the
south. [2]And their south border was
from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea,
from the bay that looked southward.
[3]And it went out southward of the
ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along
to Zin, and went up by the south of
Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by
Hezron, and went up to Addar, and
turned about to Karka. [4]And it passed
along to Azmon, and went out at the
Brook of Egypt; and the goings out of
the border were at the sea; this shall be
your south border. [5]And the east
border was the Salt Sea, even unto the
end of the Jordan. And the border of
the north side was from the bay of the
sea at the end of the Jordan. [6]And the
border went up to Beth-hoglah, and
passed along by the north of Beth-
arabah; and the border went up to the
Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
[7]And the border went up to Debir from
the valley of Achor, and so northward,
looking toward Gilgal, that is over
against the ascent of Adummim, which
is on the south side of the brook; and
the border passed along to the waters
of En-shemesh, and the goings out
thereof were at En-rogel. [8]And the
border went up by the Valley of the
son of Hinnom unto the side of the
Jebusite southward—the same is
Jerusalem—and the border went up to
the top of the mountain that lieth
before the Valley of Hinnom
westward, which is at the uttermost
part of the vale of Rephaim northward.
[9]And the border was drawn from the
top of the mountain unto the fountain
of the waters of Nephtoah, and went
out to the cities of mount Ephron; and
the border was drawn to Baalah—the
same is Kiriath-jearim. [10]And the
border turned about from Baalah
westward unto mount Seir, and passed
along unto the side of mount Jearim on
the north—the same is Chesalon—and
went down to Beth-shemesh, and
passed along by Timnah. [11]And the
border went out unto the side of Ekron
northward; and the border was drawn
to Shikkeron, and passed along to
mount Baalah, and went out at
Jabneel; and the goings out of the
border were at the sea. [12]And as for the
west border, the Great Sea was the
border thereof. This is the border of
the children of Judah round about
according to their families.

[13]And unto Caleb the son of
Jephunneh he gave a portion among
the children of Judah, according to the
commandment of the LORD to Joshua,
even Kiriath-arba, which Arba was the
father of Anak—the same is Hebron.
[14]And Caleb drove out thence the three
sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman,
and Talmai, the children of Anak.
[15]And he went up thence against the
inhabitants of Debir—now the name of
Debir beforetime was Kiriath-sepher.
[16]And Caleb said: ‘He that smiteth
Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, to him
will I give Achsah my daughter to
wife.’ [17]And Othniel the son of Kenaz,
the brother of Caleb, took it; and he
gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.

18 And it came to pass, when she came unto him, that she persuaded him to ask of her father a field; and she alighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her: 'What wouldest thou?' 19 And she said: 'Give me a blessing; for that thou hast set me in the [a]Southland, give me therefore springs of water.' And he gave her the Upper Springs and the Nether Springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the cities at the uttermost part of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the South were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur; 22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah; 23 and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan; 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth; 25 and Hazor, and Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron—the same is Hazor; 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah; 27 and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet; 28 and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Biziothiah; 29 Baalah, and Iim, and Ezem; 30 and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah; 31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah; 32 and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon; all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages.

33 In the Lowland: Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah; 34 and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam; 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah; 36 and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, with Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-gad; 38 and Dilan, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel; 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon; 40 and Cabbon, and Lahmas, and Chithlish; 41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan; 43 and Iphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib; 44 and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron, with its towns and its villages; 46 from Ekron even unto the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; unto the Brook of Egypt, the Great Sea being the border thereof.

48 And in the hill-country: Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh; 49 and Dannah, and Kiriath-sannah—the same is Debir; 50 and Anab, and Eshtemoh, and Anim; 51 and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Rumah, and Eshan; 53 and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah; 54 and Humtah, and Kiriath-arba—the same is Hebron, and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah; 56 and Jezreel, and Jokdeam,

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[a] Heb. Land of *Negeb*, that is, *a dry land*.

and Zanoah; 57 Kain, Gibeah, and
Timnah; ten cities with their villages.
58 Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor; 59 and
Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon;
six cities with their villages.
60 Kiriath-baal—the same is Kiriath-
jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with
their villages.
61 In the wilderness: Beth-arabah,
Middin, and Secacah; 62 and Nibshan,
and the City of Salt, and En-gedi; six
cities with their villages.
63 And as for the Jebusites, the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children
of Judah could not drive them out; but
the Jebusites dwelt with the children of
Judah at Jerusalem, unto this day.

16 And the lot for the children of
Joseph went out from the
Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of
Jericho on the east, going up from
Jericho through the hill-country to the
wilderness, even to Beth-el. 2 And it
went out from Beth-el-luz, and passed
along unto the border of the Archites
to Ataroth. 3 And it went down
westward to the border of the
Japhletites, unto the border of Beth-
horon the nether, even unto Gezer; and
the goings out thereof were at the sea.
4 And the children of Joseph, Manasseh
and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5 And the border of the children of
Ephraim according to their families
was thus; even the border of their
inheritance eastward was Atroth-
addar, unto Beth-horon the upper.
6 And the border went out westward,
Mich-methath being on the north; and
the border turned about eastward unto
Taanath-shiloh, and passed along it on
the east of Janoah. 7 And it went down
from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah,
and reached unto Jericho, and went out
at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuah the
border went along westward to the
brook of Kanah; and the goings out
thereof were at the sea. This is the
inheritance of the tribe of the children
of Ephraim according to their families;
9 together with the cities which were
separated for the children of Ephraim
in the midst of the inheritance of the
children of Manasseh, all the cities
with their villages. 10 And they drove
not out the Canaanites that dwelt in
Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in the
midst of Ephraim, unto this day, and
became servants to do taskwork.

17 And this was the lot for the
tribe of Manasseh; for he was
the first-born of Joseph. As for Machir
the first-born of Manasseh, the father
of Gilead, because he was a man of
war, therefore he had Gilead and
Bashan. 2 And the lot was for the rest
of the children of Manasseh according
to their families; for the children of
Abiezer, and for the children of Helek,
and for the children of Asriel, and for
the children of Shechem, and for the
children of Hepher, and for the
children of Shemida; these were the
male children of Manasseh the son of
Joseph according to their families.
3 But Zelophehad, the son of Hepher,
the son of Gilead, the son of Machir,

the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but
daughters; and these are the names of
his daughters: Mahlah, and Noah,
Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. [4]And they
came near before Eleazar the priest,
and before Joshua the son of Nun, and
before the princes, saying: ‘The Lord
commanded Moses to give us an
inheritance among our brethren’;
therefore according to the
commandment of the Lord he gave
them an inheritance among the
brethren of their father. [5]And there fell
ten parts to Manasseh, beside the land
of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond
the Jordan; [6]because the daughters of
Manasseh had an inheritance among
his sons; and the land of Gilead
belonged unto the rest of the sons of
Manasseh.

[7]And the border of Manasseh was,
beginning from Asher, Michmethath,
which is before Shechem; and the
border went along to the right hand,
unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah.—
[8]The land of Tappuah belonged to
Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border
of Manasseh belonged to the children
of Ephraim.— [9]And the border went
down unto the brook of Kanah,
southward of the brook, by cities
which belonged to Ephraim among the
cities of Manasseh; but the border of
Manasseh was on the north side of the
brook; and the goings out thereof were
at the sea: [10]southward it was
Ephraim’s, and northward it was
Manasseh’s, and the sea was his
border; and they reached to Asher on
the north, and to Issachar on the east.

[11]And Manasseh had in Issachar and
in Asher Beth-shean and its towns, and
Ibleam and its towns, and the
inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and
the inhabitants of En-dor and its
towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach
and its towns, and the inhabitants of
Megiddo and its towns, even the three
regions. [12]Yet the children of
Manasseh could not drive out the
inhabitants of those cities; but the
Canaanites were resolved to dwell in
that land. [13]And it came to pass, when
the children of Israel were waxen
strong, that they put the Canaanites to
taskwork, but did not utterly drive
them out.

[14]And the children of Joseph spoke
unto Joshua, saying: ‘Why hast thou
given me but one lot and one part for
an inheritance, seeing I am a great
people, forasmuch as the Lord hath
blessed me thus?’ [15]And Joshua said
unto them: ‘If thou be a great people,
get thee up to the forest, and cut down
for thyself there in the land of the
Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since
the hill-country of Ephraim is too
narrow for thee.’ [16]And the children of
Joseph said: ‘The hill-country will not
be enough for us; and all the
Canaanites that dwell in the land of the
valley have chariots of iron, both they
who are in Beth-shean and its towns,
and they who are in the valley of
Jezreel.’ [17]And Joshua spoke unto the
house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and

to Manasseh, saying: ‘Thou art a great people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one lot only; [18]but the hill-country shall be thine; for though it is a forest, thou shalt cut it down, and the goings out thereof shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they be strong.’

18 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there; and the land was subdued before them. [2]And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not yet received their inheritance. [3]And Joshua said unto the children of Israel: ‘How long are ye slack to go in to possess the land, which the LORD, the God of your fathers, hath given you? [4]Appoint for you three men for each tribe; and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come unto me. [5]And they shall divide it into seven portions: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border on the north. [6]And ye shall describe the land into seven portions, and bring the description hither to me; and I will cast lots for you here before the LORD our God. [7]For the Levites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance; and Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.’

[8]And the men arose, and went; and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying: ‘Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come back to me, and I will cast lots for you here before the LORD in Shiloh.’ [9]And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a book, and they came to Joshua unto the camp at Shiloh. [10]And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the LORD; and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

[11]And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families; and the border of their lot went out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. [12]And their border on the north side was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill-country westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. [13]And the border passed along from thence to Luz, to the side of Luz—the same is Beth-el—southward; and the border went down to Atroth-addar, by the mountain that lieth on the south of Beth-horon the nether. [14]And the border was drawn and turned about on the west side southward, from the mountain that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof

were at Kiriath-baal—the same is
Kiriath-jearim—a city of the children
of Judah; this was the west side. 15And
the south side was from the uttermost
part of Kiriath-jearim, and the border
went out westward, and went out to
the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah.
16And the border went down to the
uttermost part of the mountain that
lieth before the Valley of the son of
Hinnom, which is in the vale of
Rephaim northward; and it went down
to the Valley of Hinnom, to the side of
the Jebusite southward, and went
down to En-rogel. 17And it was drawn
on the north, and went out at En-
shemesh, and went out to Geliloth,
which is over against the ascent of
Adummim; and it went down to the
Stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.
18And it passed along to the side over
against the Arabah northward, and
went down unto the Arabah. 19And the
border passed along to the side of
Beth-hoglah northward; and the goings
out of the border were at the north bay
of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the
Jordan; this was the south border.
20And the Jordan was to be the border
of it on the east side. This was the
inheritance of the children of
Benjamin, by the borders thereof
round about, according to their
families.

21Now the cities of the tribe of the
children of Benjamin according to
their families were Jericho, and Beth-
hoglah, and Emek-keziz; 22and Beth-
arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el;
23and Avvim, and Parah, and Ophrah;
24and Chephar-ammonah, and Ophni,
and Geba; twelve cities with their
villages: 25Gibeon, and Ramah, and
Beeroth; 26and Mizpeh, and Chephirah,
and Mozah; 27and Rekem, and Irpeel,
and Taralah; 28and Zela, Eleph, and the
Jebusite—the same is Jerusalem,
Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities
with their villages. This is the
inheritance of the children of
Benjamin according to their families.

19 And the second lot came out
for Simeon, even for the tribe
of the children of Simeon according to
their families; and their inheritance
was in the midst of the inheritance of
the children of Judah. 2And they had
for their inheritance Beer-sheba with
Sheba, and Moladah; 3and Hazarshual,
and Balah, and Ezem; 4and Eltolad,
and Bethul, and Hormah; 5and Ziklag,
and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah;
6and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen;
thirteen cities with their villages: 7Ain,
Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four
cities with their villages; 8and all the
villages that were round about these
cities to Baalath-beer, as far as Ramah
of the South. This is the inheritance of
the tribe of the children of Simeon
according to their families. 9Out of the
allotment of the children of Judah was
the inheritance of the children of
Simeon, for the portion of the children
of Judah was too much for them;
therefore the children of Simeon had

inheritance in the midst of their
inheritance.
10 And the third lot came up for the
children of Zebulun according to their
families; and the border of their
inheritance was unto Sarid. 11 And their
border went up westward, even to
Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth;
and it reached to the brook that is
before Jokneam. 12 And it turned from
Sarid eastward toward the sunrising
unto the border of Chisloth-tabor; and
it went out to Dobrath, and went up to
Japhia. 13 And from thence it passed
along eastward to Gath-hepher, to
Ethkazin; and it went out at Rimmon-
methoar unto Neah. 14 And the border
turned about it on the north to
Hannathon; and the goings out thereof
were at the valley of Iphtahel; 15 and
Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron,
and Idalah, and Beth-lehem; twelve
cities with their villages. 16 This is the
inheritance of the children of Zebulun
according to their families, these cities
with their villages.
17 The fourth lot came out for
Issachar, even for the children of
Issachar according to their families.
18 And their border was Jezreel, and
Chesulloth, and Shunem; 19 and
Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath;
20 and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez;
21 and Remeth, and En-gannim, and
En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez; 22 and the
border reached to Tabor, and
Shahazim, and Beth-shemesh; and the
goings out of their border were at the
Jordan; sixteen cities with their
villages. 23 This is the inheritance of the
tribe of the children of Issachar
according to their families, the cities
with their villages.
24 And the fifth lot came out for the
tribe of the children of Asher
according to their families. 25 And their
border was Helkath, and Hali, and
Beten, and Achshaph; 26 and Allam-
melech, and Amad, and Mishal; and it
reached to Carmel westward, and to
Shihor-libnath. 27 And it turned toward
the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and
reached to Zebulun and to the valley of
Iphtahel northward at Beth-emek and
Neiel; and it went out to Cabul on the
left hand, 28 and Ebron, and Rehob, and
Hammon, and Kanah, even unto great
Zidon. 29 And the border turned to
Ramah, and to the fortified city of
Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah;
and the goings out thereof were at the
sea from Hebel to Achzib; 30 Ummah
also, and Aphek, and Rehob; twenty
and two cities with their villages.
31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of
the children of Asher according to
their families, these cities with their
villages.
32 The sixth lot came out for the
children of Naphtali, even for the
children of Naphtali according to their
families. 33 And their border was from
Heleph, from Elon-beza-anannim, and
Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, unto
Lakkum; and the goings out thereof
were at the Jordan. 34 And the border
turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and
went out from thence to Hukok; and it

reached to Zebulun on the south, and
reached to Asher on the west, and to
Judah at the Jordan toward the
sunrising. 35 And the fortified cities
were Ziddim-zer, and Hammath, and
Rakkath, and Chinnereth; 36 and
Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor; 37 and
Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor;
38 and Iron, and Migdal-el, and Horem,
and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh;
nineteen cities with their villages.
39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of
the children of Naphtali according to
their families, the cities with their
villages.

40 The seventh lot came out for the
tribe of the children of Dan according
to their families. 41 And the border of
their inheritance was Zorah, and
Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh; 42 and
Shaalabbin, and Aijalon, and Ithlah;
43 and Elon, and Timnah, and Ekron;
44 and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and
Baalath; 45 and Jehud, and Bene-berak,
and Gath-rimmon; 46 and Me-jarkon,
and Rakkon, with the border over
against Joppa. 47 And the border of the
children of Dan was too strait for
them; so the children of Dan went up
and fought against Leshem, and took
it, and smote it with the edge of the
sword, and possessed it, and dwelt
therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after
the name of Dan their father. 48 This is
the inheritance of the tribe of the
children of Dan according to their
families, these cities with their
villages.

49 When they had made an end of
distributing the land for inheritance by
the borders thereof, the children of
Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua
the son of Nun in the midst of them;
50 according to the commandment of
the LORD they gave him the city which
he asked, even Timnath-serah in the
hill-country of Ephraim; and he built
the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which
Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son
of Nun, and the heads of the
fathers'houses of the tribes of the
children of Israel, distributed for
inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the
LORD, at the door of the tent of
meeting. So they made an end of
dividing the land.

20 And the LORD spoke unto
Joshua, saying: 2 'Speak to the
children of Israel, saying: Assign you
the cities of refuge, whereof I spoke
unto you by the hand of Moses; 3 that
the manslayer that killeth any person
through error and unawares may flee
thither; and they shall be unto you for
a refuge from the avenger of blood.
4 And he shall flee unto one of those
cities, and shall stand at the entrance
of the gate of the city, and declare his
cause in the ears of the elders of that
city; and they shall take him into the
city unto them, and give him a place,
that he may dwell among them. 5 And
if the avenger of blood pursue after
him, then they shall not deliver up the
manslayer into his hand; because he
smote his neighbour unawares, and

hated him not beforetime. 6And he
shall dwell in that city, until he stand
before the congregation for judgment,
until the death of the high priest that
shall be in those days; then may the
manslayer return, and come unto his
own city, and unto his own house, unto
the city from whence he fled.’
7And they set apart Kedesh in
Galilee in the hill-country of Naphtali,
and Shechem in the hill-country of
Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba—the same
is Hebron—in the hill-country of
Judah. 8And beyond the Jordan at
Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer
in the wilderness in the table-land out
of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in
Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and
Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of
Manasseh. 9These were the appointed
cities for all the children of Israel, and
for the stranger that sojourneth among
them, that whosoever killeth any
person through error might flee thither,
and not die by the hand of the avenger
of blood, until he stood before the
congregation.
21 Then came near the heads of
fathers’houses of the Levites
unto Eleazar the priest, and unto
Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the
heads of fathers’houses of the tribes of
the children of Israel; 2and they spoke
unto them at Shiloh in the land of
Canaan, saying: ‘The LORD
commanded by the hand of Moses to
give us cities to dwell in, with the open
land thereabout for our cattle.’ 3And
the children of Israel gave unto the
Levites out of their inheritance,
according to the commandment of the
LORD, these cities with the open land
about them.
4And the lot came out for the
families of the Kohathites; and the
children of Aaron the priest, who were
of the Levites, had by lot out of the
tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of
the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of
Benjamin, thirteen cities.
5And the rest of the children of
Kohath had by lot out of the families
of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the
tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe
of Manasseh, ten cities.
6And the children of Gershon had by
lot out of the families of the tribe of
Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher,
and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and
out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in
Bashan, thirteen cities.
7The children of Merari according to
their families had out of the tribe of
Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad,
and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve
cities.
8And the children of Israel gave by
lot unto the Levites these cities with
the open land about them, as the LORD
commanded by the hand of Moses.
9And they gave out of the tribe of
the children of Judah, and out of the
tribe of the children of Simeon, these
cities which are here mentioned by
name. 10And they were for the children
of Aaron, of the families of the
Kohathites, who were of the children
of Levi; for theirs was the first lot.

[11]And they gave them Kiriath-arba, which Arba was the father of [a]Anak—the same is Hebron—in the hill-country of Judah, with the open land round about it. [12]But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

[13]And unto the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with the open land about it, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah with the open land about it; [14]and Jattir with the open land about it, and Eshtemoa with the open land about it; [15]and Holon with the open land about it, and Debir with the open land about it; [16]and Ain with the open land about it, and Juttah with the open land about it, and Beth-shemesh with the open land about it; nine cities out of those two tribes. [17]And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with the open land about it, Geba with the open land about it; [18]Anathoth with the open land about it, and Almon with the open land about it; four cities. [19]All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with the open land about them.

[20]And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. [21]And they gave them Shechem with the open land about it in the hill-country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with the open land about it; [22]and Kibzaim with the open land about it, and Beth-horon with the open land about it; four cities. [23]And out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with the open land about it, Gibbethon with the open land about it; [24]Aijalon with the open land about it, Gath-rimmon with the open land about it; four cities. [25]And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with the open land about it, and Gath-rimmon with the open land about it; two cities. [26]All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with the open land about them.

[27]And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with the open land about it, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Beeshterah with the open land about it; two cities. [28]And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with the open land about it, Dobrath with the open land about it; [29]Jarmuth with the open land about it, En-gannim with the open land about it; four cities. [30]And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with the open land about it, Abdon with the open land about it; [31]Helkath with the open land about it, and Rehob with the open land about it; four cities. [32]And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with the open land about it, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor with the open land about it, and Kartan with the

[a] Heb. *Anok*.

open land about it; three cities. [33]All
the cities of the Gershonites according
to their families were thirteen cities
with the open land about them.

[34]And unto the families of the
children of Merari, the rest of the
Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun,
Jokneam with the open land about it,
and Kartah with the open land about it;
[35]Dimnah with the open land about it,
Nahalal with the open land about it;
four cities. [[a][36]And out of the tribe of
Reuben, Bezer with the open land
about it, and Jahaz with the open land
about it; [37]Kedemoth with the open
land about it, and Mephaath with the
open land about it; four cities.] [38]And
out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in
Gilead with the open land about it, the
city of refuge for the manslayer, and
Mahanaim with the open land about it;
[39]Heshbon with the open land about it,
Jazer with the open land about it; four
cities in all. [40]All these were the cities
of the children of Merari according to
their families, even the rest of the
families of the Levites; and their lot
was twelve cities.

[41]All the cities of the Levites—forty
and eight cities with the open land
about them—shall be in the midst of
the possession of the children of Israel,
[42]even these cities, every one with the
open land round about it; thus it shall
be with all these cities.

[43]So the LORD gave unto Israel all
the land which He swore to give unto
their fathers; and they possessed it, and
dwelt therein. [44]And the LORD gave
them rest round about, according to all
that He swore unto their fathers; and
there stood not a man of all their
enemies against them; the LORD
delivered all their enemies into their
hand. [45]There failed not aught of any
good thing which the LORD had spoken
unto the house of Israel; all came to
pass.

# 22

Then Joshua called the
Reubenites, and the Gadites,
and the half-tribe of Manasseh, [2]and
said unto them: ‘Ye have kept all that
Moses the servant of the LORD
commanded you, and have hearkened
unto my voice in all that I commanded
you; [3]ye have not left your brethren
these many days unto this day, but
have kept the charge of the
commandment of the LORD your God.
[4]And now the LORD your God hath
given rest unto your brethren, as He
spoke unto them; therefore now turn
ye, and get you unto your tents, unto
the land of your possession, which
Moses the servant of the LORD gave
you beyond the Jordan. [5]Only take
diligent heed to do the commandment
and the law, which Moses the servant
of the LORD commanded you, to love
the LORD your God, and to walk in all
His ways, and to keep His
commandments, and to cleave unto

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[a] These two verses, taken from I Chron. Vi 63-64, are excluded from the text in authorative codicies and placed in the margin.

Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.’ 6So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went unto their tents.

7Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but unto the other half gave Joshua among their brethren beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away unto their tents, he blessed them, 8and spoke unto them, saying: ‘Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment; divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.’

9And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. 10And when they came unto the region about the Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look upon. 11And the children of Israel heard say: ‘Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that pertaineth to the children of Israel.’ 12And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

13And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest; 14and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers’house for each of the tribes of Israel; and they were every one of them head of their fathers’houses among the thousands of Israel. 15And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them, saying: 16’Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD: What treachery is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, to rebel this day against the LORD? 17Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day, although there came a plague upon the congregation of the LORD, 18that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against the LORD, that to-morrow He will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. 19Howbeit, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye

over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein the LORD'S tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us; but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of the LORD our God. [20]Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass concerning the devoted thing, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.'

[21]Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spoke unto the heads of the thousands of Israel: [22]'God, God, the LORD, God, God, the LORD, He knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in treachery against the LORD—save Thou us not this day— [23]that we have built us an altar to turn away from following the LORD; or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace-offerings thereon, let the LORD Himself require it; [24]and if we have not rather out of anxiety about a matter done this, saying: In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying: What have ye to do with the LORD, the God of Israel? [25]for the LORD hath made the Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no portion in the LORD; so might your children make our children cease from fearing the LORD. [26]Therefore we said: Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; [27]but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come: Ye have no portion in the LORD. [28]Therefore said we: It shall be, when they so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say: Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you. [29]Far be it from us that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn away this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt-offering, for meal-offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is before His tabernacle.'

[30]And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased them well. [31]And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh: 'This day we know that the LORD is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this treachery against the LORD; now have ye delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the

LORD.' [32]And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them back word. [33]And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spoke no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt. [34]And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar—: 'for it is a witness between us that the LORD is God.'

23 And it came to pass after many days, when the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old and well stricken in years; [2]that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said unto them: 'I am old and well stricken in years. [3]And ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God, He it is that hath fought for you. [4]Behold, I have allotted unto you for an inheritance, according to your tribes, these nations that remain, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun. [5]And the LORD your God, He shall thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God spoke unto you. [6]Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; [7]that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor worship them; [8]but cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day; [9]wherefore the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and mighty; but as for you, no man hath stood against you unto this day. [10]One man of you hath chased a thousand; for the LORD your God, He it is that fought for you, as He spoke unto you. [11]Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. [12]Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you; [13]know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap unto you, and a scourge in your sides, and pricks in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. [14]And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth; consider ye therefore in all your heart and in all your soul, that not one thing hath

failed of all the good things which the
LORD your God spoke concerning you;
all are come to pass unto you, not one
thing hath failed thereof. 15And it shall
come to pass, that as all the good
things are come upon you of which the
LORD your God spoke unto you, so
shall the LORD bring upon you all the
evil things, until He have destroyed
you from off this good land which the
LORD your God hath given you.
16When ye transgress the covenant of
the LORD your God, which He
commanded you, and go and serve
other gods, and worship them; then
shall the anger of the LORD be kindled
against you, and ye shall perish
quickly from off the good land which
He hath given unto you.'

24 And Joshua gathered all the
tribes of Israel to Shechem,
and called for the elders of Israel, and
for their heads, and for their judges,
and for their officers; and they
presented themselves before God.
2And Joshua said unto all the people:
'Thus saith the LORD, the God of
Israel: Your fathers dwelt of old time
beyond the River, even Terah, the
father of Abraham, and the father of
Nahor; and they served other gods.
3And I took your father Abraham from
beyond the River, and led him
throughout all the land of Canaan, and
multiplied his seed, and gave him
Isaac. 4And I gave unto Isaac Jacob
and Esau; and I gave unto Esau mount
Seir, to possess it; and Jacob and his
children went down into Egypt. 5And I
sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued
Egypt, according to that which I did in
the midst thereof; and afterward I
brought you out. 6And I brought your
fathers out of Egypt; and ye came unto
the sea; and the Egyptians pursued
after your fathers with chariots and
with horsemen unto the Red Sea. 7And
when they cried out unto the LORD, He
put darkness between you and the
Egyptians, and brought the sea upon
them, and covered them; and your eyes
saw what I did in Egypt; and ye dwelt
in the wilderness many days. 8And I
brought you into the land of the
Amorites, that dwelt beyond the
Jordan; and they fought with you; and
I gave them into your hand, and ye
possessed their land; and I destroyed
them from before you. 9Then Balak the
son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and
fought against Israel; and he sent and
called Balaam the son of Beor to curse
you. 10But I would not hearken unto
Balaam; therefore he even blessed
you; so I delivered you out of his hand.
11And ye went over the Jordan, and
came unto Jericho; and the men of
Jericho fought against you, the
Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the
Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the
Girgashite, the Hivite, and the
Jebusite; and I delivered them into
your hand. 12And I sent the hornet
before you, which drove them out
from before you, even the two kings of
the Amorites; not with thy sword, nor
with thy bow. 13And I gave you a land
whereon thou hadst not laboured, and

cities which ye built not, and ye dwell
therein; of vineyards and olive-yards
which ye planted not do ye eat. 14 Now
therefore fear the LORD, and serve Him
in sincerity and in truth; and put away
the gods which your fathers served
beyond the River, and in Egypt; and
serve ye the LORD. 15 And if it seem evil
unto you to serve the LORD, choose you
this day whom ye will serve; whether
the gods which your fathers served
that were beyond the River, or the
gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye
dwell; but as for me and my house, we
will serve the LORD.'

16 And the people answered and said:
'Far be it from us that we should
forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;
17 for the LORD our God, He it is that
brought us and our fathers up out of
the land of Egypt, from the house of
bondage, and that did those great signs
in our sight, and preserved us in all the
way wherein we went, and among all
the peoples through the midst of whom
we passed; 18 and the LORD drove out
from before us all the peoples, even
the Amorites that dwelt in the land;
therefore we also will serve the LORD;
for He is our God.'

19 And Joshua said unto the people:
'Ye cannot serve the LORD; for He is a
holy God; He is a jealous God; He will
not forgive your transgression nor your
sins. 20 If ye forsake the LORD, and
serve strange gods, then He will turn
and do you evil, and consume you,
after that He hath done you good.'

21 And the people said unto Joshua:
'Nay; but we will serve the LORD.'
22 And Joshua said unto the people: 'Ye
are witnesses against yourselves that
ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve
Him.—And they said: 'We are
witnesses.'— 23 Now therefore put
away the strange gods which are
among you, and incline your heart
unto the LORD, the God of Israel.'
24 And the people said unto Joshua:
'The LORD our God will we serve, and
unto His voice will we hearken.'

25 So Joshua made a covenant with
the people that day, and set them a
statute and an ordinance in Shechem.
26 And Joshua wrote these words in the
book of the law of God; and he took a
great stone, and set it up there under
the oak that was by the sanctuary of
the LORD. 27 And Joshua said unto all
the people: 'Behold, this stone shall be
a witness against us; for it hath heard
all the words of the LORD which He
spoke unto us; it shall be therefore a
witness against you, lest ye deny your
God.' 28 So Joshua sent the people
away, every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these
things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the
servant of the LORD, died, being a
hundred and ten years old. 30 And they
buried him in the border of his
inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is
in the hill-country of Ephraim, on the
north of the mountain of Gaash. 31 And
Israel served the LORD all the days of
Joshua, and all the days of the elders
that outlived Joshua, and had known

all the work of the LORD, that He had
wrought for Israel. 32And the bones of
Joseph, which the children of Israel
brought up out of Egypt, buried they in
Shechem, in the parcel of ground
which Jacob bought of the sons of
Hamor the father of Shechem for a
hundred pieces of money; and they
became the inheritance of the children
of Joseph. 33And Eleazar the son of
Aaron died; and they buried him in the
Hill of Phinehas his son, which was
given him in mount Ephraim.

שפטים

# JUDGES

1 AND IT came to pass after the
death of Joshua, that the children
of Israel asked the LORD, saying: 'Who
shall go up for us first against the
Canaanites, to fight against them?'
[2]And LORD said: 'Judah shall go up;
behold, I have delivered the land into
his hand.' [3]And Judah said unto
Simeon his brother: 'Come up with me
into my lot, that we may fight against
the Canaanites; and I likewise will go
with thee into thy lot.' So Simeon
went with him. [4]And Judah went up;
and the LORD delivered the Canaanites
and the Perizzites into their hand; and
they smote of them in Bezek ten
thousand men. [5]And they found
Adoni-bezek in Bezek; and they
fought against him, and they smote the
Canaanites and the Perizzites. [6]But
Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued
after him, and caught him, and cut off
his thumbs and his great toes. [7]And
Adoni-bezek said: 'Threescore and ten
kings, having their thumbs and their
great toes cut off, gathered food under
my table; as I have done, so God hath
requited me.' And they brought him to
Jerusalem, and he died there.

[8]And the children of Judah fought
Jerusalem, and took it, and smote it
with the edge of the sword, and set the
city on fire. [9]And afterward the
children of Judah went down to fight
against the Canaanites that dwelt in the
hill-country, and in the South, and in
the Lowland. [10]And Judah went
against the Canaanites that dwelt in
Hebron—now the name of Hebron
beforetime was Kiriath-arba—and they
smote Sheshai, and Ahiman, and
Talmai. [11]And from thence he went
against the inhabitants of Debir—now
the name of Debir beforetime was
Kiriath-sepher. [12]And Caleb said: 'He
that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh
it, to him will I give Achsah my
daughter to wife.' [13]And Othniel the
son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger
brother, took it; and he gave him
Achsah his daughter to wife. [14]And it
came to pass, when she came unto
him, that she moved him to ask of her
father a field; and she alighted from
off her ass; and Caleb said unto her:
'What wouldest thou?' [15]And she said
unto him: 'Give me a blessing; for that
thou hast set me in the Southland, give
me therefore springs of water.' And
Caleb gave her the Upper Springs and
the Nether Springs.

[16]And the children of the Kenite,
Moses'father-in-law, went up out of
the city of palm-trees with the children
of Judah into the wilderness of Judah,
which is in the south of Arad; and they
went and dwelt with the people. [17]And
Judah went with Simeon his brother,

and they smote the Canaanites that
inhabited Zephath, and utterly
destroyed it. And the name of the city
was called Hormah. 18 Also Judah took
Gaza with the border thereof, and
Ashkelon with the border thereof, and
Ekron with the border thereof. 19 And
the LORD was with Judah; and he drove
out the inhabitants of the hill-country;
for he could not drive out the
inhabitants of the valley, because they
had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave
Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses had
spoken; and he drove out thence the
three sons of Anak. 21 And the children
of Benjamin did not drive out the
Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but
the Jebusites dwelt with the children of
Benjamin in Jerusalem, unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph, they also
went up against Beth-el; and the LORD
was with them. 23 And the house of
Joseph sent to spy out Beth-el—now
the name of the city beforetime was
Luz. 24 And the watchers saw a man
come forth out of the city, and they
said unto him: ‘Show us, we pray thee,
the entrance into the city, and we will
deal kindly with thee.’ 25 And he
showed them the entrance into the city,
and they smote the city with the edge
of the sword; but they let the man go
and all his family. 26 And the man went
into the land of the Hittites, and built a
city, and called the name thereof Luz,
which is the name thereof unto this
day.

27 And Manasseh did not drive out
the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its
towns, nor of Taanach and its towns,
nor the inhabitants of Dor and its
towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam
and its towns, nor the inhabitants of
Megiddo and its towns; but the
Canaanites were resolved to dwell in
that land. 28 And it came to pass, when
Israel was waxen strong, that they put
the Canaanites to task-work, but did in
no wise drive them out.

29 And Ephraim drove not out the
Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the
Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among
them.

30 Zebulun drove not out the
inhabitants of Kitron, nor the:
inhabitants of Nahalol; but the
Canaanites dwelt among them, and
became tributary.

31 Asher drove not out the inhabitants
of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Zidon,
nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of
Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob;
32 but the Asherites dwelt among the
Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land;
for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali drove not out the
inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the
inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt
among the Canaanites, the inhabitants
of the land; nevertheless the
inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of
Beth-anath became tributary unto
them.

34 And the Amorites forced the
children of Dan into the hill-country;
for they would not suffer them to come
down to the valley. 35 But the Amorites
were resolved to dwell in Harheres, in

Aijalon, and in Shaalbim; yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became tributary. 36 And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela, and upward.

2 And the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said: '. . . I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said: I will never break My covenant with you; 2 and ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall break down their altars; but ye have not hearkened unto My voice; what is this ye have done? 3 Wherefore I also said: I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be unto you as snares, and their gods shall be a trap unto you.' 4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spoke these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And they called the name of that place [a]Bochim; and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. 7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the LORD, that He had wrought for Israel. 8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill-country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. 10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers; and there arose another generation after them, that knew not the LORD, nor yet the work which He had wrought for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baalim. 12 And they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the peoples that were round about them, and worshipped them; and they provoked the LORD. 13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth. 14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and He gave them over into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had spoken, and as the LORD had sworn unto them; and they were sore distressed. 16 And the LORD raised up judges, who saved them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. 17 And yet they hearkened not unto their judges, for they went astray after other gods, and

[a] That is, *Weepers*.

worshipped them; they turned aside quickly out of the way wherein their fathers walked, obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not so. [18]And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for it repented the Lord because of their groaning by reason of them that oppressed them and crushed them. [19]But it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they turned back, and dealt more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to worship them; they left nothing undone of their practices, nor of their stubborn way. [20]And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel; and He said: ‘Because this nation have transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto My voice; [21]I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations that Joshua left when he died; [22]that by them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not.’ [23]So the Lord left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered He them into the hand of Joshua.

3 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, even as many as had not known all the wars of Canaan; [2]only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as beforetime knew nothing thereof; [3]namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Zidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entrance of Hamath. [4]And they were there, to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which He commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. [5]And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites; [6]and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

[7]And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served the Baalim and the Asheroth. [8]Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and He gave them over into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Aram-naharaim; and the children of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. [9]And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a saviour to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother. [10]And the spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-rishathaim king of Aram into his hand; and his hand prevailed

against Cushan-rishathaim. 11And the
land had rest forty years. And Othniel
the son of Kenaz died.

12And the children of Israel again
did that which was evil in the sight of
the LORD; and the LORD strengthened
Eglon the king of Moab against Israel,
because they had done that which was
evil in the sight of the LORD. 13And he
gathered unto him the children of
Ammon and Amalek; and he went and
smote Israel, and they possessed the
city of palm-trees. 14And the children
of Israel served Eglon the king of
Moab eighteen years. 15But when the
children of Israel cried unto the LORD,
the LORD raised them up a saviour,
Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a
man left-handed; and the children of
Israel sent a present by him unto Eglon
the king of Moab. 16And Ehud made
him a sword which had two edges, of a
cubit length; and he girded it under his
raiment upon his right thigh. 17And he
offered the present unto Eglon king of
Moab—now Eglon was a very fat
man. 18And when he had made an end
of offering the present, he sent away
the people that bore the present. 19But
he himself turned back from the
quarries that were by Gilgal, and said:
'I have a secret errand unto thee, O
king.' And he said: 'Keep silence.'
And all that stood by him went out
from him. 20And Ehud came unto him;
and he was sitting by himself alone in
his cool upper chamber. And Ehud
said: 'I have a message from God unto
thee.' And he arose out of his seat.
21And Ehud put forth his left hand, and
took the sword from his right thigh,
and thrust it into his belly. 22And the
haft also went in after the blade; and
the fat closed upon the blade, for he
drew not the sword out of his belly;
and it came out behind. 23Then Ehud
went forth into the porch, and shut the
doors of the upper chamber upon him,
and locked them. 24Now when he was
gone out, his servants came; and they
saw, and, behold, the doors of the
upper chamber were locked; and they,
said: 'Surely he is covering his feet in
the cabinet of the cool chamber.'
25And they tarried till they were
ashamed; and, behold, he opened not
the doors of the upper chamber;
therefore they took the key, and
opened them; and, behold, their lord
was fallen down dead on the earth.
26And Ehud escaped while they
lingered, having passed beyond the
quarries, and escaped unto Seirah.
27And it came to pass, when he was
come, that he blew a horn in the hill-
country of Ephraim, and the children
of Israel went down with him from the
hill-country, and he before them.
28And he said unto them: 'Follow after
me; for the LORD hath delivered your
enemies the Moabites into your hand.'
And they went down after him, and
took the fords of the Jordan against the
Moabites, and suffered not a man to
pass over. 29And they smote of Moab
at that time about ten thousand men,
every lusty man, and every man of
valour; and there escaped not a man.

30So Moab was subdued that day under
the hand of Israel. And the land had
rest fourscore years.
31And after him was Shamgar the
son of Anath, who smote of the
Philistines six hundred men with an
ox-goad; and he also saved Israel.

4 And the children of Israel again
did that which was evil in the
sight of the Lord, when Ehud was
dead. 2And the Lord gave them over
into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan,
that reigned in Hazor; the captain of
whose host was Sisera, who dwelt in
Harosheth-goiim. 3And the children of
Israel cried unto the Lord; for he had
nine hundred chariots of iron; and
twenty years he mightily oppressed the
children of Israel.
4Now Deborah, a prophetess, the
wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at
that time. 5And she sat under the palm-
tree of Deborah between Ramah and
Beth-el in the hill-country of Ephraim;
and the children of Israel came up to
her for judgment. 6And she sent and
called Barak the son of Abinoam out
of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him:
‘Hath not the Lord, the God of Israel,
commanded, saying: Go and draw
toward mount Tabor, and take with
thee ten thousand men of the children
of Naphtali and of the children of
Zebulun? 7And I will draw unto thee to
the brook Kishon Sisera, the captain of
Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his
multitude; and I will deliver him into
thy hand. 8And Barak said unto her: ‘If
thou wilt go with me, then I will go;
but if thou wilt not go with me, I will
not go.’ 9And she said: ‘I will surely
go with thee; notwithstanding the
journey that thou takest shall not be for
thy honour; for the Lord will give
Sisera over into the hand of a woman.’
And Deborah arose, and went with
Barak to Kedesh. 10And Barak called
Zebulun and Naphtali together to
Kedesh; and there went up ten
thousand men at his feet; and Deborah
went up with him.
11Now Heber the Kenite had severed
himself from the Kenites, even from
the children of Hobab the father-in-law
of Moses, and had pitched his tent as
far as Elon-bezaanannim, which is by
Kedesh.
12And they told Sisera that Barak the
son of Abinoam was gone up to mount
Tabor. 13And Sisera gathered together
all his chariots, even nine hundred
chariots of iron, and all the people that
were with him, from Harosheth-goiim,
unto the brook Kishon. 14And Deborah
said unto Barak: ‘Up; for this is the
day in which the Lord hath delivered
Sisera into thy hand; is not the Lord
gone out before thee?’ So Barak went
down from mount Tabor, and ten
thousand men after him. 15And the
Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his
chariots, and all his host, with the edge
of the sword before Barak; and Sisera
alighted from his chariot, and fled
away on his feet. 16But Barak pursued
after the chariots, and after the host,
unto Harosheth-goiim; and all the host

of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword;
there was not a man left.
17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his
feet to the tent of Jael the wife of
Heber the Kenite; for there was peace
between Jabin the king of Hazor and
the house of Heber the Kenite. 18 And
Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said
unto him: ‘Turn in, my lord, turn in to
me; fear not.’ And he turned in unto
her into the tent, and she covered him
with a rug. 19 And he said unto her:
‘Give me, I pray thee, a little water to
drink; for I am thirsty.’ And she
opened a bottle of milk, and gave him
drink, and covered him. 20 And he said
unto her: ‘Stand in the door of the tent,
and it shall be, when any man doth
come and inquire of thee, and say: Is
there any man here? that thou shalt
say: No.’ 21 Then Jael Heber’s wife
took a tent-pin, and took a hammer in
her hand, and went softly unto him,
and smote the pin into his temples, and
it pierced through into the ground; for
he was in a deep sleep; so he swooned
and died. 22 And, behold, as Barak
pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet
him, and said unto him: ‘Come, and I
will show thee the man whom thou
seekest.’ And he came unto her; and,
behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent-
pin was in his temples. 23 So God
subdued on that day Jabin the king of
Canaan before the children of Israel.
24 And the hand of the children of Israel
prevailed more and more against Jabin
the king of Canaan, until they had
destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

5 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying:

2 When men let grow their hair in
Israel,
When the people offer themselves
willingly,
Bless ye the Lord.
3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye
princes;
I, unto the Lord will I sing;
I will sing praise to the Lord, the
God of Israel.

4 Lord, when Thou didst go forth out
of
Seir,
When Thou didst march out of the
field of Edom,
The earth trembled, the heavens also
dropped,
Yea, the clouds dropped water.
5 The mountains quaked at the
presence of the Lord,
Even yon Sinai at the presence of
the Lord, the God of Israel.

6 In the days of Shamgar the son of
Anath,
In the days of Jael, the highways
ceased,
And the travellers walked through
byways.
7 The rulers ceased in Israel, they
ceased,
Until that thou didst arise, Deborah,
That thou didst arise a mother in
Israel.

8 They chose new gods;
Then was war in the gates;
Was there a shield or spear seen
Among forty thousand in Israel?

9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel,
That offered themselves willingly among the people.
Bless ye the LORD.
10 Ye that ride on white asses,
Ye that sit on rich cloths,
And ye that walk by the way, tell of it;
11 Louder than the voice of archers, by the watering-troughs!
There shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD,
Even the righteous acts of His rulers in Israel.
Then the people of the LORD went down to the gates.

12 Awake, awake, Deborah;
Awake, awake, utter a song;
Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.
13 Then made He a remnant to have dominion over the nobles and the people;
The LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.
14 Out of Ephraim came they whose root is in Amalek;
After thee, Benjamin, among thy peoples;
Out of Machir came down governors,
And out of Zebulun they that handle the marshal's staff.
15 And the princes of Issachar were with
Deborah;
As was Issachar, so was Barak;
Into the valley they rushed forth at his feet.
Among the divisions of Reuben
There were great resolves of heart.
16 Why sattest thou among the sheep-folds,
To hear the pipings for the flocks?
At the divisions of Reuben
There were great searchings of heart.
17 Gilead abode beyond the Jordan;
And Dan, why doth he sojourn by the ships?
Asher dwelt at the shore of the sea,
And abideth by its bays.
18 Zebulun is a people that jeoparded their lives unto the death,
And Naphtali, upon the high places of the field.

19 The kings came, they fought;
Then fought the kings of Canaan,
In Taanach by the waters of Megiddo;
They took no gain of money.
20 They fought from heaven,
The stars in their courses fought against Sisera.
21 The brook Kishon swept them away,
That ancient brook, the brook Kishon.

O my soul, tread them down with strength.
22 Then did the horsehoofs stamp
By reason of the prancings, the prancings of their mighty ones.
23 ’Curse ye Meroz’, said the angel of the Lord,
‘Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof,
Because they came not to the help of the Lord,
To the help of the Lord against the mighty.’
24 Blessed above women shall Jael be,
The wife of Heber the Kenite,
Above women in the tent shall she be blessed.
25 Water he asked, milk she gave him;
In a lordly bowl she brought him curd.
26 Her hand she put to the tent-pin,
And her right hand to the workmen’s hammer;
And with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote through his head,
Yea, she pierced and struck through his temples.
27 At her feet he sunk, he fell, he lay;
At her feet he sunk, he fell;
Where he sunk, there he fell down dead.

28 Through the window she looked forth, and peered,
The mother of Sisera, through the lattice:
‘Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why tarry the wheels of his chariots?
29 The wisest of her princesses answer her,
Yea, she returneth answer to herself:
30 ’Are they not finding, are they not dividing the spoil?
A damsel, two damsels to every man;
To Sisera a spoil of dyed garments,
A spoil of dyed garments of embroidery,
Two dyed garments of broidery for the neck of every spoiler?’

31 So perish all Thine enemies, O Lord;
But they that love Him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might.
And the land had rest forty years.

6 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the
Lord; and the Lord delivered them
into the hand of Midian seven years.
2 And the hand of Midian prevailed
against Israel; and because of Midian
the children of Israel made them the
dens which are in the mountains, and
the caves, and the strongholds. 3 And so
it was, when Israel had sown, that the
Midianites came up, and the
Amalekites, and the children of the
east; they came up against them; 4 and
they encamped against them, and
destroyed the produce of the earth, till
thou come unto Gaza, and left no
sustenance in Israel, neither sheep, nor

ox, nor ass. 5For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number; and they came into the land to destroy it. 6And Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

7And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of Midian, 8that the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel; and he said unto them: ‘Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; 9and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land. 10And I said unto you: I am the LORD your God; ye shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but ye have not hearkened unto My voice.’

11And the angel of the LORD came, and sat under the terebinth which was in Ophrah, that belonged unto Joash the Abiezrite; and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him: ‘The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.’ 13And Gideon said unto him: ‘Oh, my lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all His wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying: Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian.’ 14And the LORD turned towards him, and said: ‘Go in this thy might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian; have not I sent thee?’ 15And he said unto him: ‘Oh, my lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.’ 16And the LORD said unto him: ‘Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man.’ 17And he said unto him: ‘If now I have found favour in thy sight, then show me a sign that it is thou that talkest with me. 18Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and lay it before thee.’ And he said: ‘I will tarry until thou come back.’ 19And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal; the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the terebinth, and presented it. 20And the angel of God said unto him: ‘Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth.’ And he did so. 21Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 22And Gideon saw that he was the angel of the LORD; and Gideon

said: ‘Alas, O Lord GOD! forasmuch as I have seen the angel of the LORD face to face.’ 23 And the LORD said unto him: ‘Peace be unto thee; fear not; thou shalt not die.’ 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it [a]‘Adonai-shalom’; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him: ‘Take thy father’s bullock, and the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the Asherah that is by it; 26 and build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this stronghold, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-offering with the wood of the Asherah which thou shalt cut down.’ 27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had spoken unto him; and it came to pass, because he feared his father’s household and the men of the city, so that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night. 28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. 29 And they said one to another: ‘Who hath done this thing?’ And when they inquired and asked, they said: ‘Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.’ 30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash: ‘Bring out thy son, that he may die; because he hath broken down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the Asherah that was by it.’ 31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him: ‘Will ye contend for Baal? or will ye save him? he that will contend for him, shall be put to death before morning; if he be a god, let him contend for himself, because one hath broken down his altar.’ 32 Therefore on that day he was called [b]Jerubbaal, saying: ‘Let Baal contend against him, because he hath broken down his altar.’

33 Now all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east assembled themselves together; and they passed over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. 34 But the spirit of the LORD clothed Gideon; and he blew a horn; and Abiezer was gathered together after him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; and they also were gathered together after him; and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet them. 36 And Gideon said unto God: ‘If Thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as Thou hast spoken, 37 behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the ground, then shall I know that Thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as Thou hast spoken.’ 38 And it was so; for he rose up early on

[a] That is, *The LORD is peace*.

[b] That is, *Let Baal contend*.

the morrow, and pressed the fleece together, and wrung dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. 39And Gideon said unto God: ‘Let not Thine anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once: let me make trial, I pray Thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.’ 40And God did so that night; for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

7 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside En-harod; and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them, by Gibeath-moreh, in the valley.

2And the LORD said unto Gideon: ‘The people that are with thee are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel vaunt themselves against Me, saying: mine own hand hath saved me. 3Now therefore make proclamation in the ears of the people, saying: Whosoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead.’ And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4And the LORD said unto Gideon: ‘The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there; and it shall be, that of whom I say to thee: This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee: This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.’ 5So he brought down the people unto the water; and the LORD said unto Gideon: ‘Everyone that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink.’ 6And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. 7And the LORD said unto Gideon: ‘By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thy hand; and let all the people go every man unto his place.’ 8So they took the victuals of the people in their hand, and their horns; and he sent all the men of Israel every man unto his tent, but retained the three hundred men; and the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him: ‘Arise, get thee down upon the camp; for I have delivered it into thy hand. 10But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Purah thy servant down to the camp. 11And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thy hands be strengthened to go down upon the camp.’ Then went he down with Purah his servant unto the outermost part of the armed men that were in the camp. 12Now the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like locusts

for multitude; and their camels were
without number, as the sand which is
upon the sea-shore for multitude.
[13]And when Gideon was come, behold,
there was a man telling a dream unto
his follow, and saying: 'Behold, I
dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of
barley bread tumbled into the camp of
Midian, and came unto the tent, and
smote it that it fell, and turned it
upside down, that the tent lay flat.'
[14]And his fellow answered and said:
'This is nothing else save the sword of
Gideon the son of Joash, a man of
Israel: into his hand God hath
delivered Midian, and all the host.'

[15]And it was so, when Gideon heard
the telling of the dream, and the
interpretation thereof, that he
worshipped; and he returned into the
camp of Israel, and said: 'Arise; for
the Lord hath delivered into your hand
the host of Midian.' [16]And he divided
the three hundred men into three
companies, and he put into the hands
of all of them horns, and empty
pitchers, with torches within the
pitchers. [17]And he said unto them:
'Look on me, and do likewise; and,
behold, when I come to the outermost
part of the camp, it shall be that, as I
do, so shall ye do. [18]When I blow the
horn, I and all that are with me, then
blow ye the horns also on every side of
all the camp, and say: For the Lord
and for Gideon! '

[19]So Gideon, and the hundred men
that were with him, came unto the
outermost part of the camp in the
beginning of the middle watch, when
they had but newly set the watch; and
they blew the horns, and broke in
pieces the pitchers that were in their
hands. [20]And the three companies blew
the horns, and broke the pitchers, and
held the torches in their left hands, and
the horns in their right hands
wherewith to blow; and they cried:
'The sword for the Lord and for
Gideon! ' [21]And they stood every man
in his place round about the camp; and
all the host ran; and they shouted, and
fled. [22]And they blew the three
hundred horns, and the Lord set every
man's sword a against his fellow, even
throughout all the host; and the host
fled as far as Beth-shittah toward
Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-
meholah, by Tabbath. [23]And the men
of Israel were gathered together out of
Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of
all Manasseh, and pursued after
Midian. [24]And Gideon sent messengers
throughout all the hill-country of
Ephraim, saying: 'Come down against
Midian, and take before them the
waters, as far as Beth-barah, and also
the Jordan.' So all the men of Ephraim
were gathered together, and took the
waters as far as Beth-barah, and also
the Jordan. [25]And they took the two
princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and
they slew Oreb at the Rock of Oreb,
and Zeeb they slew at the Winepress
of Zeeb, and pursued Midian; and they
brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to
Gideon beyond the Jordan.

8 And the men of Ephraim said
unto him: ‘Why hast thou served
us thus, that thou didst not call us
when thou wentest to fight with
Midian?’ And they did chide with him
sharply. 2And he said unto them:
‘What have I now done in comparison
with you? Is not the gleaning of
Ephraim better than the vintage of
Abiezer? 3God hath delivered into
your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb
and Zeeb; and what was I able to do in
comparison with you?’ Then their
anger was abated toward him, when he
had said that.

4And Gideon came to the Jordan,
and passed over, he, and the three
hundred men that were with him, faint,
yet pursuing. 5And he said unto the
men of Succoth: ‘Give, I pray you,
loaves of bread unto the people that
follow me; for they are faint, and I am
pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna,
the kings of Midian.’ 6And the princes
of Succoth said: ‘Are the hands of
Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy
power, that we should give bread unto
thine army?’ 7And Gideon said:
‘Therefore when the LORD hath
delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into
my hand, then I will tear your flesh
with the thorns of the wilderness and
with briers.’ 8And he went up thence to
Penuel, and spoke unto them in like
manner; and the men of Penuel
answered him as the men of Succoth
had answered. 9And he spoke also unto
the men of Penuel, saying: ‘When I
come back in peace, I will break down
this tower.’

10Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in
Karkor, and their hosts with them,
about fifteen thousand men, all that
were left of all the host of the children
of the east; for there fell a hundred and
twenty thousand men that drew sword.
11And Gideon went up by the way of
them that dwelt in tents on the east of
Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the
host; for the host was secure. 12And
Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he
pursued after them; and he took the
two kings of Midian, Zebah and
Zalmunna, and discomfited all the
host. 13And Gideon the son of Joash
returned from the battle from the
ascent of Heres. 14And he caught a
young man of the men of Succoth, and
inquired of him; and he wrote down
for him the princes of Succoth, and the
elders thereof, seventy and seven men.
15And he came unto the men of
Succoth, and said: ‘Behold Zebah and
Zalmunna, concerning whom ye did
taunt me, saying: Are the hands of
Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy
power, that we should give bread unto
thy men that are weary?’ 16And he
took the elders of the city, and thorns
of the wilderness and briers, and with
them he taught the men of Succoth.
17And he broke down the tower of
Penuel, and slew the men of the city.
18Then said he unto Zebah and
Zalmunna: ‘Where are the men whom
ye slew at Tabor?’ And they answered:
‘As thou art, so were they; of one form

with the children of a king.’ 19And he
said: ‘They were my brethren, the sons
of my mother; as the LORD liveth, if ye
had saved them alive, I would not slay
you.’ 20And he said unto Jether his
first-born: ‘Up, and slay them.’ But the
youth drew not his sword; for he
feared, because he was yet a youth.
21Then Zebah and Zalmunna said:
‘Rise thou, and fall upon us; for as the
man is, so is his strength.’ And Gideon
arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna,
and took the crescents that were on
their camels’necks.

22Then the men of Israel said unto
Gideon: ‘Rule thou over us, both thou,
and thy son, and thy son’s son also; for
thou hast saved us out of the hand of
Midian.’ 23And Gideon said unto them:
‘I will not rule over you, neither shall
my son rule over you; the LORD shall
rule over you.’ 24And Gideon said unto
them: ‘I would make a request of you,
that ye would give me every man the
ear-rings of his spoil.’—For they had
golden ear-rings, because they were
Ishmaelites. 25And they answered: ‘We
will willingly give them.’ And they
spread a garment, and did cast therein
every man the ear-rings of his spoil.
26And the weight of the golden ear-
rings that he requested was a thousand
and seven hundred shekels of gold;
beside the crescents, and the pendants,
and the purple raiment that was on the
kings of Midian, and beside the chains
that were about their camels’necks.
27And Gideon made an ephod thereof,
and put it in his city, even in Ophrah;
and all Israel went astray after it there;
and it became a snare unto Gideon,
and to his house. 28So Midian was
subdued before the children of Israel,
and they lifted up their heads no more.
And the land had rest forty years in the
days of Gideon.

29And Jerubbaal the son of Joash
went and dwelt in his own house.
30And Gideon had threescore and ten
sons of his body begotten; for he had
many wives. 31And his concubine that
was in Shechem, she also bore him a
son, and he called his name
Abimelech. 32And Gideon the son of
Joash died in a good old age, and was
buried in the sepulchre of Joash his
father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33And it came to pass, as soon as
Gideon was dead, that the children of
Israel again went astray after the
Baalim, and made Baal-berith their
god. 34And the children of Israel
remembered not the LORD their God,
who had delivered them out of the
hand of all their enemies on every
side; 35neither showed they kindness to
the house of Jerubbaal, namely
Gideon, according to all the goodness
which he had shown unto Israel.

9 And Abimelech the son of
Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto
his mother’s brethren, and spoke with
them, and with all the family of the
house of his mother’s father, saying:
2’Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all
the men of Shechem: Which is better
for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal,
who are threescore and ten persons,

rule over you, or that one rule over
you? remember also that I am your
bone and your flesh.’ 3And his
mother’s brethren spoke of him in the
ears of all the men of Shechem all
these words; and their hearts inclined
to follow Abimelech; for they said:
‘He is our brother.’ 4And they gave
him threescore and ten pieces of silver
out of the house of Baal-berith,
wherewith Abimelech hired vain and
light fellows, who followed him. 5And
he went unto his father’s house at
Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons
of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten
persons, upon one stone; but Jotham
the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left;
for he hid himself.

6And all the men of Shechem
assembled themselves together, and all
Beth-millo, and went and made
Abimelech king, by the terebinth of
the pillar that was in Shechem. 7And
when they told it to Jotham, he went
and stood in the top of mount Gerizim,
and lifted up his voice, and cried, and
said unto them: ‘Hearken unto me, ye
men of Shechem, that God may
hearken unto you. 8The trees went
forth on a time to anoint a king over
them; and they said unto the olive-tree:
Reign thou over us. 9But the olive-tree
said unto them: Should I leave my
fatness, seeing that by me they honour
God and man, and go to hold sway
over the trees? 10And the trees said to
the fig-tree: Come thou, and reign over
us. 11But the fig-tree said unto them:
Should I leave my sweetness, and my
good fruitage, and go to hold sway
over the trees? 12And the trees said
unto the vine: Come thou, and reign
over us. 13And the vine said unto them:
Should I leave my wine, which
cheereth God and man, and go to hold
sway over the trees? 14Then said all the
trees unto the bramble: Come thou,
and reign over us. 15And the bramble
said unto the trees: If in truth ye anoint
me king over you, then come and take
refuge in my shadow; and if not, let
fire come out of the bramble, and
devour the cedars of Lebanon. 16Now
therefore, if ye have dealt truly and
uprightly, in that ye have made
Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt
well with Jerubbaal and his house, and
have done unto him according to the
deserving of his hands—17for my
father fought for you, and adventured
his life, and delivered you out of the
hand of Midian; 18and ye are risen up
against my father’s house this day, and
have slain his sons, threescore and ten
persons, upon one stone, and have
made Abimelech, the son of his maid-
servant, king over the men of
Shechem, because he is your brother—
19if ye then have dealt truly and
uprightly with Jerubbaal and with his
house this day, then rejoice ye in
Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in
you. 20But if not, let fire come out
from Abimelech, and devour the men
of Shechem, and Beth-millo; and let
fire come out from the men of
Shechem, and from Beth-millo, and
devour Abimelech.’ 21And Jotham ran

away, and fled, and went to Beer, and
dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his
brother.
22And Abimelech was prince over
Israel three years. 23And God sent an
evil spirit between Abimelech and the
men of Shechem; and the men of
Shechem dealt treacherously with
Abimelech; 24that the violence done to
the threescore and ten sons of
Jerubbaal might come, and that their
blood might be laid upon Abimelech
their brother, who slew them, and
upon the men of Shechem, who
strengthened his hands to slay his
brethren. 25And the men of Shechem
set liers-in-wait for him on the tops of
the mountains, and they robbed all that
came along that way by them; and it
was told Abimelech.
26And Gaal the son of Ebed came
with his brethren, and went on to
Shechem; and the men of Shechem put
their trust in him. 27And they went out
into the field, and gathered their
vineyards, and trod the grapes, and
held festival, and went into the house
of their god, and did eat and drink, and
cursed Abimelech. 28And Gaal the son
of Ebed said: ‘Who is Abimelech, and
who is Shechem, that we should serve
him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal?
and Zebul his officer? serve ye the
men of Hamor the father of Shechem;
but why should we serve him? 29And
would that this people were under my
hand! then would I remove
Abimelech.’ And he said to
Abimelech: ‘Increase thine army, and
come out.’ 30And when Zebul the ruler
of the city heard the words of Gaal the
son of Ebed, his anger was kindled.
31And he sent messengers unto
Abimelech in Tormah, saying:
‘Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his
brethren are come to Shechem; and,
behold, they will incite the city against
thee. 32Now therefore, up by night,
thou and the people that are with thee,
and lie in wait in the field. 33And it
shall be, that in the morning, as soon
as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early,
and set upon the city; and, behold,
when he and the people that are with
him come out against thee, then
mayest thou do to them as thou shalt
be able.’
34And Abimelech rose up, and all
the people that were with him, by
night, and they lay in wait against
Shechem in four companies. 35And
Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and
stood in the entrance of the gate of the
city; and Abimelech rose up, and the
people that were with him, from the
ambushment. 36And when Gaal saw
the people, he said to Zebul: ‘Behold,
there come people down from the tops
of the mountains.’ And Zebul said
unto him: ‘Thou seest the shadow of
the mountains as if they were men.’
37And Gaal spoke again and said: ‘See,
there come people down by the middle
of the land, and one company cometh
by the way of Elon-meonenim.’ 38Then
said Zebul unto him: ‘Where is now
thy mouth, that thou saidst: Who is
Abimelech, that we should serve him?

is not this the people that thou hast
despised? go out now, I pray, and fight
with them.’ 39And Gaal went out
before the men of Shechem, and
fought with Abimelech. 40And
Abimelech chased him, and he fled
before him, and there fell many
wounded, even unto the entrance of
the gate. 41And Abimelech dwelt at
Arumah; and Zebul drove out Gaal
and his brethren, that they should not
dwell in Shechem.

42And it came to pass on the
morrow, that the people went out into
the field; and it was told Abimelech.
43And he took the people, and divided
them into three companies, and lay in
wait in the field; and he looked, and,
behold, the people were coming forth
out of the city; and he rose up against
them, and smote them. 44And
Abimelech, and the companies that
were with him, rushed forward, and
stood in the entrance of the gate of the
city; and the two companies rushed
upon all that were in the field, and
smote them. 45And Abimelech fought
against the city all that day; and he
took the city, and slew the people that
were therein; and he beat down the
city, and sowed it with salt.

46And when all the men of the tower
of Shechem heard thereof, they
entered into the hold of the house of
El-berith. 47And it was told Abimelech
that all the men of the tower of
Shechem were gathered together.
48And Abimelech got him up to mount
Zalmon, he and all the people that
were with him; and Abimelech took an
axe in his hand, and cut down a bough
from the trees, and took it up, and laid
it on his shoulder; and he said unto the
people that were with him: ‘What ye
have seen me do, make haste, and do
as I have done.’ 49And all the people
likewise cut down every man his
bough, and followed Abimelech, and
put them to the hold, and set the hold
on fire upon them; so that all the men
of the tower of Shechem died also,
about a thousand men and women.

50Then went Abimelech to Thebez,
and encamped against Thebez, and
took it. 51But there was a strong tower
within the city, and thither fled all the
men and women, even all they of the
city, and shut themselves in, and got
them up to the roof of the tower. 52And
Abimelech came unto the tower, and
fought against it, and went close unto
the door of the tower to burn it with
fire. 53And a certain woman cast an
upper millstone upon Abimelech’s
head, and broke his skull. 54Then he
called hastily unto the young man his
armour-bearer, and said unto him:
‘Draw thy sword, and kill me, that
men say not of me: A woman slew
him.’ And his young man thrust him
through, and he died. 55And when the
men of Israel saw that Abimelech was
dead, they departed every man unto his
place. 56Thus God requited the
wickedness of Abimelech, which he
did unto his father, in slaying his
seventy brethren; 57and all the
wickedness of the men of Shechem did

God requite upon their heads; and
upon them came the curse of Jotham
the son of Jerubbaal.

10 And after Abimelech there
arose to save Israel Tola the
son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of
Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the
hill-country of Ephraim. [2]And he
judged Israel twenty and three years,
and died, and was buried in Shamir.

[3]And after him arose Jair, the
Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty
and two years. [4]And he had thirty sons
that rode on thirty ass colts, and they
had thirty cities, which are called
[a]Havvoth-jair unto this day, which are
in the land of Gilead. [5]And Jair died,
and was buried in Kamon.

[6]And the children of Israel again did
that which was evil in the sight of the
Lord, and served the Baalim, and the
Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and
the gods of Zidon, and the gods of
Moab, and the gods of the children of
Ammon, and the gods of the
Philistines; and they forsook the Lord,
and served Him not. [7]And the anger of
the Lord was kindled against Israel,
and He gave them over into the hand
of the Philistines, and into the hand of
the children of Ammon. [8]And they
oppressed and crushed the children of
Israel that year; eighteen years
[oppressed they] all the children of
Israel that were beyond the Jordan in
the land of the Amorites, which is in
Gilead. [9]And the children of Ammon
passed over the Jordan to fight also
against Judah, and against Benjamin,
and against the house of Ephraim, so
that Israel was sore distressed. [10]And
the children of Israel cried unto the
Lord, saying: ‘We have sinned against
Thee, in that we have forsaken our
God, and have served the Baalim.’
[11]And the Lord said unto the children
of Israel: ‘Did not I save you from the
Egyptians, and from the Amorites,
from the children of Ammon, and from
the Philistines? [12]The Zidonians also,
and the Amalekites, and the Maonites,
did oppress you; and ye cried unto Me,
and I saved you out of their hand.
[13]Yet ye have forsaken Me, and served
other gods; wherefore I will save you
no more. [14]Go and cry unto the gods
which ye have chosen; let them save
you in the time of your distress.’ [15]And
the children of Israel said unto the
Lord: ‘We have sinned; do Thou unto
us whatsoever seemeth good unto
Thee; only deliver us, we pray Thee,
this day.’ [16]And they put away the
strange gods from among them, and
served the Lord; and His soul was
grieved for the misery of Israel.

[17]Then the children of Ammon were
gathered together, and encamped in
Gilead. And the children of Israel
assembled themselves together, and
encamped in Mizpah. [18]And the
people, the princes of Gilead, said one
to another: ‘What man is he that will
begin to fight against the children of
Ammon? he shall be head over all the
inhabitants of Gilead.’

[a] That is, *The villages of Jair*.

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah. 2And Gilead's wife bore him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said unto him: 'Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of another woman.' 3Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob; and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4And it came to pass after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. 5And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob. 6And they said unto Jephthah: 'Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon.' 7And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead: 'Did not ye hate me, and drive me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?' 8And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah: 'Therefore are we returned to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon, and thou shalt be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.' 9And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead: 'If ye bring me back home to fight with the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, I will be your head.' 10And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah: 'The LORD shall be witness between us; surely according to thy word so will we do.' 11Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them; and Jephthah spoke all his words before the LORD in Mizpah.

12And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying: 'What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come unto me to fight against my land?' 13And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah: 'Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and unto the Jordan; now therefore restore those cities peaceably.' 14And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon; 15and he said unto him: 'Thus saith Jephthah: Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon. 16But when they came up from Egypt, and Israel walked through the wilderness unto the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh; 17then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying: Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land; but the king of Edom hearkened not. And in like manner he sent unto the king of Moab; but he would not; and Israel abode in Kadesh. 18Then he walked through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they pitched on the other

side of the Arnon; but they came not
within the border of Moab, for the
Arnon was the border of Moab. [19]And
Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king
of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon;
and Israel said unto him: Let us pass,
we pray thee, through thy land unto
my place. [20]But Sihon trusted not
Israel to pass through his border; but
Sihon gathered all his people together,
and pitched in Jahaz, and fought
against Israel. [21]And the Lord, the God
of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his
people into the hand of Israel, and they
smote them; so Israel possessed all the
land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of
that country. [22]And they possessed all
the border of the Amorites, from the
Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and from
the wilderness even unto the Jordan.
[23]So now the Lord, the God of Israel,
hath dispossessed the Amorites from
before His people Israel, and shouldest
thou possess them? [24]Wilt not thou
possess that which Chemosh thy god
giveth thee to possess? So
whomsoever the Lord our God hath
dispossessed from before us, them will
we possess. [25]And now art thou any
thing better than Balak the son of
Zippor, king of Moab? did he ever
strive against Israel, or did he ever
fight against them? [26]While Israel
dwelt in Heshbon and its towns, and in
Aroer and its towns, and in all the
cities that are along by the side of the
Arnon, three hundred years; wherefore
did ye not recover them within that
time? [27]I therefore have not sinned
against thee, but thou doest me wrong
to war against me; the Lord, the Judge,
be judge this day between the children
of Israel and the children of Ammon.’
[28]Howbeit the king of the children of
Ammon hearkened not unto the words
of Jephthah which he sent him.

[29]Then the spirit of the Lord came
upon Jephthah, and he passed over
Gilead and Manasseh, and passed over
Mizpeh of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of
Gilead he passed over unto the
children of Ammon. [30]And Jephthah
vowed a vow unto the Lord, and said:
‘If Thou wilt indeed deliver the
children of Ammon into my hand,
[31]then it shall be, that whatsoever
cometh forth of the doors of my house
to meet me, when I return in peace
from the children of Ammon, it shall
be the Lord’S, and I will offer it up for
a burnt-offering.’ [32]So Jephthah passed
over unto the children of Ammon to
fight against them; and the Lord
delivered them into his hand. [33]And he
smote them from Aroer until thou
come to Minnith, even twenty cities,
and unto Abel-cheramim, with a very
great slaughter. So the children of
Ammon were subdued before the
children of Israel.

[34]And Jephthah came to Mizpah
unto his house, and, behold, his
daughter came out to meet him with
timbrels and with dances; and she was
his only child; beside her he had
neither son nor daughter. [35]And it
came to pass, when he saw her, that he
rent his clothes, and said: ‘Alas, my

daughter! thou hast brought me very
low, and thou art become my troubler;
for I have opened my mouth unto the
Lord, and I cannot go back.’ 36 And she
said unto him: ‘My father, thou hast
opened thy mouth unto the Lord; do
unto me according to that which hath
proceeded out of thy mouth;
forasmuch as the Lord hath taken
vengeance for thee of thine enemies,
even of the children of Ammon.’
37 And she said unto her father: ‘Let
this thing be done for me: let me alone
two months, that I may depart and go
down upon the mountains, and bewail
my virginity, I and my companions.’
38 And he said: ‘Go.’ And he sent her
away for two months; and she
departed, she and her companions, and
bewailed her virginity upon the
mountains. 39 And it came to pass at the
end of two months, that she returned
unto her father, who did with her
according to his vow which he had
vowed; and she had not known man.
And it was a custom in Israel, 40 that
the daughters of Israel went yearly to
lament the daughter of Jephthah the
Gileadite four days in a year.

12 And the men of Ephraim were
gathered together, and passed
to Zaphon; and they said unto
Jephthah: ‘Wherefore didst thou pass
over to fight against the children of
Ammon, and didst not call us to go
with thee? we will burn thy house
upon thee with fire.’ 2 And Jephthah
said unto them: ‘I and my people were
at great strife with the children of
Ammon; and when I called you, ye
saved me not out of their hand. 3 And
when I saw that ye saved me not, I put
my life in my hand, and passed over
against the children of Ammon, and
the Lord delivered them into my hand;
wherefore then are ye come up unto
me this day, to fight against me?’
4 Then Jephthah gathered together all
the men of Gilead, and fought with
Ephraim; and the men of Gilead smote
Ephraim, because they said: ‘Ye are
fugitives of Ephraim, ye Gileadites, in
the midst of Ephraim, and in the midst
of Manasseh.’ 5 And the Gileadites
took the fords of the Jordan against the
Ephraimites; and it was so, that when
any of the fugitives of Ephraim said:
‘Let me go over, ‘the men of Gilead
said unto him: ‘Art thou an
Ephraimite?’ If he said: ‘Nay’; 6 then
said they unto him: ‘Say now
Shibboleth’; and he said ‘Sibboleth’;
for he could not frame to pronounce it
right; then they laid hold on him, and
slew him at the fords of the Jordan;
and there fell at that time of Ephraim
forty and two thousand.

7 And Jephthah judged Israel six
years. Then died Jephthah the
Gileadite, and was buried in one of the
cities of Gilead.

8 And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem
judged Israel. 9 And he had thirty sons,
and thirty daughters he sent abroad,
and thirty daughters he brought in
from abroad for his sons. And he
judged Israel seven years. 10 and Ibzan
died, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 And after him Elon the Zebulunite
judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten
years. 12 And Elon the Zebulunite died,
and was buried in Aijalon in the land
of Zebulun.
13 And after him Abdon the son of
Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel.
14 And he had forty sons and thirty
sons'sons, that rode on threescore and
ten ass colts; and he judged Israel eight
years. 15 And Abdon the son of Hillel
the Pirathonite died, and was buried in
Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the
hill-country of the Amalekites.

13 And the children of Israel
again did that which was evil
in the sight of the Lord; and the Lord
delivered them into the hand of the
Philistines forty years.
2 And there was a certain man of
Zorah, of the family of the Danites,
whose name was Manoah; and his
wife was barren, and bore not. 3 And
the angel of the Lord appeared unto
the woman, and said unto her: 'Behold
now, thou art barren, and hast not
borne; but thou shalt conceive, and
bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I
pray thee, and drink no wine nor
strong drink, and eat not any unclean
thing. 5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and
bear a son; and no razor shall come
upon his head; for the child shall be a
Nazirite unto God from the womb; and
he shall begin to save Israel out of the
hand of the Philistines.' 6 Then the
woman came and told her husband,
saying: 'A man of God came unto me,
and his countenance was like the
countenance of the angel of God, very
terrible; and I asked him not whence
he was, neither told he me his name;
7 but he said unto me: Behold, thou
shalt conceive, and bear a son; and
now drink no wine nor strong drink,
and eat not any unclean thing; for the
child shall be a Nazirite unto God from
the womb to the day of his death.'
8 Then Manoah entreated the Lord,
and said: 'Oh, Lord, I pray Thee, let
the man of God whom Thou didst send
come again unto us, and teach us what
we shall do unto the child that shall be
born.' 9 And God hearkened to the
voice of Manoah; and the angel of God
came again unto the woman as she sat
in the field; but Manoah her husband
was not with her. 10 And the woman
made haste, and ran, and told her
husband, and said unto him: 'Behold,
the man hath appeared unto me, that
came unto me that day.' 11 And
Manoah arose, and went after his wife,
and came to the man, and said unto
him: 'Art thou the man that spokest
unto the woman?' And he said: 'I am.'
12 And Manoah said: 'Now when thy
word cometh to pass, what shall be the
rule for the child, and what shall be
done with him?' 13 And the angel of the
Lord said unto Manoah: 'Of all that I
said unto the woman let her beware.
14 She may not eat of any thing that
cometh of the grapevine, neither let
her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat
any unclean thing; all that I
commanded her let her observe.'
15 And Manoah said unto the angel of

the Lord: 'I pray thee, let us detain
thee, that we may make ready a kid for
thee.' [16]And the angel of the Lord said
unto Manoah: 'Though thou detain
me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if
thou wilt make ready a burnt-offering,
thou must offer it unto the Lord.' For
Manoah knew not that he was the
angel of the Lord. [17]And Manoah said
unto the angel of the Lord: 'What is
thy name, that when thy words come
to pass we may do thee honour?'
[18]And the angel of the Lord said unto
him: 'Wherefore askest thou after my
name, seeing it is hidden?' [19]So
Manoah took the kid with the meal-
offering, and offered it upon the rock
unto the Lord; and [the angel] did
wondrously, and Manoah and his wife
looked on. [20]For it came to pass, when
the flame went up toward heaven from
off the altar, that the angel of the Lord
ascended in the flame of the altar; and
Manoah and his wife looked on; and
they fell on their faces to the ground.
[21]But the angel of the Lord did no
more appear to Manoah or to his wife.
Then Manoah knew that he was the
angel of the Lord. [22]And Manoah said
unto his wife: 'We shall surely die,
because we have seen God.' [23]But his
wife said unto him: 'If the Lord were
pleased to kill us, He would not have
received a burnt-offering and a meal-
offering at our hand, neither would He
have shown us all these things, nor
would at this time have told such
things as these.'

[24]And the woman bore a son, and
called his name Samson; and the child
grew, and the Lord blessed him. [25]And
the spirit of the Lord began to move
him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah
and Eshtaol.

14 And Samson went down to
Timnah, and saw a woman in
Timnah of the daughters of the
Philistines. [2]And he came up, and told
his father and his mother, and said: 'I
have seen a woman in Timnah of the
daughters of the Philistines; now
therefore get her for me to wife.'
[3]Then his father and his mother said
unto him: 'Is there never a woman
among the daughters of thy brethren,
or among all my people, that thou
goest to take a wife of the
uncircumcised Philistines?' And
Samson said unto his father: 'Get her
for me; for she pleaseth me well.' [4]But
his father and his mother knew not that
it was of the Lord; for he sought an
occasion against the Philistines. Now
at that time the Philistines had rule
over Israel.

[5]Then went Samson down, and his
father and his mother, to Timnah, and
came to the vineyards of Timnah; and,
behold, a young lion roared against
him. [6]And the spirit of the Lord came
mightily upon him, and he rent him as
one would have rent a kid, and he had
nothing in his hand; but he told not his
father or his mother what he had done.
[7]And he went down, and talked with
the woman; and she pleased Samson
well. [8]And after a while he returned to

take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion; and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9And he scraped it out into his hands, and went on, eating as he went, and he came to his father and mother, and gave unto them, and they did eat; but he told them not that he had scraped the honey out of the body of the lion. 10And his father went down unto the woman; and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. 11And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12And Samson said unto them: ‘Let me now put forth a riddle unto you; if ye can declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment; 13but if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment.’ And they said unto him: ‘Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.’ 14And he said unto them:

Out of the eater came forth food,
And out of the strong came forth
sweetness.

And they could not in three days declare the riddle. 15And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson’s wife: ‘Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father’s house with fire; have ye called us hither to impoverish us?’ 16And Samson’s wife wept before him, and said: ‘Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not; thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and wilt thou not tell it me?’ And he said unto her: ‘Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell thee?’ 17And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted; and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him sore; and she told the riddle to the children of her people. 18And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down:

What is sweeter than honey?
And what is stronger than a lion?
And he said unto them:
If ye had not plowed with my heifer,
Ye had not found out my riddle.

19And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and smote thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave the changes of raiment unto them that declared the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father’s house. 20But Samson’s wife was given to his companion, whom he had had for his friend.

15 But it came to pass after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said: ‘I will go in to my wife into the chamber.’ But her father would not suffer him to go in. 2And her father said: ‘I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion; is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of

her.’ 3And Samson said unto them:
‘This time shall I be quits with the
Philistines, when I do them a
mischief.’ 4And Samson went and
caught three hundred foxes, and took
torches, and turned tail to tail, and put
a torch in the midst between every two
tails. 5And when he had set the torches
on fire, he let them go into the
standing corn of the Philistines, and
burnt up both the shocks and the
standing corn, and also the oliveyards.
6Then the Philistines said: ‘Who hath
done this?’ And they said: ‘Samson,
the son-in-law of the Timnite, because
he hath taken his wife, and given her
to his companion.’ And the Philistines
came up, and burnt her and her father
with fire. 7And Samson said unto
them: ‘If ye do after this manner,
surely I will be avenged of you, and
after that I will cease.’ 8And he smote
them hip and thigh with a great
slaughter; and he went down and dwelt
in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9Then the Philistines went up, and
pitched in Judah, and spread
themselves against Lehi. 10And the
men of Judah said: ‘Why are ye come
up against us?’ And they said: ‘To
bind Samson are we come up, to do to
him as he hath done to us.’ 11Then
three thousand men of Judah went
down to the cleft of the rock of Etam,
and said to Samson: ‘Knowest thou
not that the Philistines are rulers over
us? what then is this that thou hast
done unto us?’ And he said unto them:
‘As they did unto me, so have I done
unto them.’ 12And they said unto him:
‘We are come down to bind thee, that
we may deliver thee into the hand of
the Philistines.’ And Samson said unto
them: ‘Swear unto me, that ye will not
fall upon me yourselves.’ 13And they
spoke unto him, saying: ‘No; but we
will bind thee fast, and deliver thee
into their hand; but surely we will not
kill thee.’ And they bound him with
two new ropes, and brought him up
from the rock. 14When he came unto
Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they
met him; and the spirit of the Lord
came mightily upon him, and the ropes
that were upon his arms became as
flax that was burnt with fire, and his
bands dropped from off his hands.
15And he found a new jawbone of an
ass, and put forth his hand, and took it,
and smote a thousand men therewith.
16And Samson said:

With the jawbone of an ass, heaps
upon heaps,
With the jawbone of an ass have I
smitten a thousand men.

17And it came to pass, when he had
made an end of speaking, that he cast
away the jawbone out of his hand; and
that place was called [a]Ramath-lehi.
18And he was sore athirst, and called
on the Lord, and said: ‘Thou hast
given this great deliverance by the
hand of Thy servant; and now shall I
die for thirst, and fall into the hand of
the uncircumcised?’ 19But God cleaved
the hollow place that is in Lehi, and

[a] That is, *The hill of the jawbone*.

there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came back, and he revived; wherefore the name thereof was called [a]En-hakkore, which is in Lehi unto this day. [20]And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 And Samson went to Gaza, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her. [2][And it was told] the Gazites, saying: ‘Samson is come hither.’ And they compassed him in, and lay in wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying: ‘Let be till morning light, then we will kill him.’ [3]And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron.

[4]And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. [5]And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her: ‘Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver.’ [6]And Delilah said to Samson: ‘Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee.’ [7]And Samson said unto her: ‘If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings that were never dried, then shall I become weak, and be as any other man.’ [8]Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. [9]Now she had liers-in-wait abiding in the inner chamber. And she said unto him: ‘The Philistines are upon thee, Samson.’ And he broke the bowstrings as a string of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. [10]And Delilah said unto Samson: ‘Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies; now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.’ [11]And he said unto her: ‘If they only bind me with new ropes wherewith no work, hath been done, then shall I become weak, and be as any other man.’ [12]So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him: ‘The Philistines are upon thee, Samson.’ And the liers-in-wait were abiding in the inner chamber. And he broke them from off his arms like a thread. [13]And Delilah said unto Samson: ‘Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies; tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound.’ And he said unto her: ‘If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the web.’ [14]And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him: ‘The Philistines are upon thee, Samson.’ And he awoke out of his sleep, and

[a] That is, *The spring of him that called*.

plucked away the pin of the beam, and the web. [15]And she said unto him: ‘How canst thou say: I love thee, when thy heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.’ [16]And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed unto death. [17]And he told her all his heart, and said unto her: ‘There hath not come a razor upon my head; for I have been a Nazirite unto God from my mother’s womb; if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other man.’ [18]And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying: ‘Come up this once, for he hath told me all his heart.’ Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought the money in their hand. [19]And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for a man, and had the seven locks of his head shaven off; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. [20]And she said: ‘The Philistines are upon thee, Samson.’ And he awoke out of his sleep, and said: ‘I will go out as at other times, and shake myself.’ But he knew not that the LORD was departed from him. [21]And the Philistines laid hold on him, and put out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house. [22]Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

[23]And the lords of the Philistines gathered them together to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said: ‘Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.’ [24]And when the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said: ‘Our god hath delivered into our hand our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, who hath slain many of us.’ [25]And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said: ‘Call for Samson, that he may make us sport.’ And they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made sport before them; and they set him between the pillars. [26]And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand: ‘Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house resteth, that I may lean upon them.’ [27]Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport. [28]And Samson called unto the LORD, and said: ‘O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray Thee, and strengthen me, I pray Thee, only this once, O God, that I may be this once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.’ [29]And Samson took fast hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house rested, and leaned upon them, the one with his right hand, and the other with his left. [30]And Samson said: ‘Let me

die with the Philistines.' And he bent
with all his might; and the house fell
upon the lords, and upon all the people
that were therein. So the dead that he
slew at his death were more than they
that he slew in his life. 31Then his
brethren and all the house of his father
came down, and took him, and brought
him up, and buried him between Zorah
and Eshtaol in the burying-place of
Manoah his father. And he judged
Israel twenty years.

17 Now there was a man of the
hill-country of Ephraim,
whose name was Micah. 2And he said
unto his mother: 'The eleven hundred
pieces of silver that were taken from
thee, about which thou didst utter a
curse, and didst also speak it in mine
ears, behold, the silver is with me; I
took it.' And his mother said: 'Blessed
be my son of the Lord.' 3And he
restored the eleven hundred pieces of
silver to his mother, and his mother
said: 'I verily dedicate the silver unto
the Lord from my hand for my son, to
make a graven image and a molten
image; now therefore I will restore it
unto thee.' 4And when he restored the
money unto his mother, his mother
took two hundred pieces of silver, and
gave them to the founder, who made
thereof a graven image and a molten
image; and it was in the house of
Micah. 5And the man Micah had a
house of God, and he made an ephod,
and teraphim, and consecrated one of
his sons, who became his priest. 6In
those days there was no king in Israel;
every man did that which was right in
his own eyes. 7And there was a young
man out of Beth-lehem in Judah—in
the family of Judah—who was a
Levite, and he sojourned there. 8And
the man departed out of the city, out of
Beth-lehem in Judah, to sojourn where
he could find a place; and he came to
the hill-country of Ephraim to the
house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9And
Micah said unto him: 'Whence comest
thou?' And he said unto him: 'I am a
Levite of Beth-lehem in Judah, and I
go to sojourn where I may find a
place.' 10And Micah said unto him:
'Dwell with me, and be unto me a
father and a priest, and I will give thee
ten pieces of silver by the year, and a
suit of apparel, and thy victuals.' So
the Levite went in. 11And the Levite
was content to dwell with the man; and
the young man was unto him as one of
his sons. 12And Micah consecrated the
Levite, and the young man became his
priest, and was in the house of Micah.
13Then said Micah: 'Now know I that
the Lord will do me good, seeing I
have a Levite as my priest.'

18 In those days there was no
king in Israel; and in those
days the tribe of the Danites sought
them an inheritance to dwell in; for
unto that day there had nothing been
allotted unto them among the tribes of
Israel for an inheritance. 2And the
children of Dan sent of their family
five men from their whole number,
men of valour, from Zorah, and from
Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to

search it; and they said unto them:
'Go, search the land'; and they came
to the hill-country of Ephraim, unto
the house of Micah, and lodged there.
3When they were by the house of
Micah, they knew the voice of the
young man the Levite; and they turned
aside thither, and said unto him: 'Who
brought thee hither? and what doest
thou in this place? and what hast thou
here?' 4And he said unto them: 'Thus
and thus hath Micah dealt with me,
and he hath hired me, and I am
become his priest.' 5And they said
unto him: 'Ask counsel, we pray thee,
of God, that we may know whether
our way which we are going shall be
prosperous.' 6And the priest said unto
them: 'Go in peace; before the LORD is
your way wherein ye go.'

7Then the five men departed, and
came to Laish, and saw the people that
were therein, how they dwelt in
security, after the manner of the
Zidonians, quiet and secure; for there
was none in the land, possessing
authority, that might put them to
shame in any thing, and they were far
from the Zidonians, and had no
dealings with any man. 8And they
came unto their brethren to Zorah and
Eshtaol; and their brethren said unto
them: 'What say ye?' 9And they said:
'Arise, and let us go up against them;
for we have seen the land, and, behold,
it is very good; and are ye still? be not
slothful to go and to enter in to possess
the land. 10When ye go, ye shall come
unto a people secure, and the land is
large; for God hath given it into your
hand; a place where there is no want; it
hath every thing that is in the earth.'

11And there set forth from thence of
the family of the Danites, out of Zorah
and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men
girt with weapons of war. 12And they
went up, and encamped in Kiriath-
jearim, in Judah; wherefore that place
was called Mahaneh-dan unto this day;
behold, it is behind Kiriath-jearim.
13And they passed thence unto the hill-
country of Ephraim, and came unto the
house of Micah. 14Then answered the
five men that went to spy out the
country of Laish, and said unto their
brethren: 'Do ye know that there is in
these houses an ephod, and teraphim,
and a graven image, and a molten
image? now therefore consider what
ye have to do.' 15And they turned aside
thither, and came to the house of the
young man the Levite, even unto the
house of Micah, and asked him of his
welfare. 16And the six hundred men
girt with their weapons of war, who
were of the children of Dan, stood by
the entrance of the gate. 17And the five
men that went to spy out the land went
up, and came in thither, and took the
graven image, and the ephod, and the
teraphim, and the molten image; and
the priest stood by the entrance of the
gate with the six hundred men girt
with weapons of war. 18And when
these went into Micah's house, and
fetched the graven image of the ephod,
and the teraphim, and the molten
image, the priest said unto them:

‘What do ye?’ [19]And they said unto
him: ‘Hold thy peace, lay thy hand
upon thy mouth, and go with us, and
be to us a father and a priest; is it
better for thee to be priest unto the
house of one man, or to be priest unto
a tribe and a family in Israel?’ [20]And
the priest’s heart was glad, and he took
the ephod, and the teraphim, and the
graven image, and went in the midst of
the people. [21]So they turned and
departed, and put the little ones and
the cattle and the goods before them.
[22]When they were a good way from
the house of Micah, the men that were
in the houses near to Micah’s house
were gathered together, and overtook
the children of Dan. [23]And they cried
unto the children of Dan. And they
turned their faces, and said unto
Micah: ‘What aileth thee, that thou
comest with such a company?’ [24]And
he said: ‘Ye have taken away my god
which I made, and the priest, and are
gone away, and what have I more? and
how then say ye unto me: What aileth
thee?’ [25]And the children of Dan said
unto him: ‘Let not thy voice be heard
among us, lest angry fellows fall upon
you, and thou lose thy life, with the
lives of thy household.’ [26]And the
children of Dan went their way; and
when Micah saw that they were too
strong for him, he turned and went
back unto his house. [27]And they took
that which Micah had made, and the
priest whom he had, and came unto
Laish, unto a people quiet and secure,
and smote them with the edge of the
sword; and they burnt the city with
fire. [28]And there was no deliverer,
because it was far from Zidon, and
they had no dealings with any man;
and it was in the valley that lieth by
Beth-rehob. And they built the city,
and dwelt therein. [29]And they called
the name of the city Dan, after the
name of Dan their father, who was
born unto Israel; howbeit the name of
the city was Laish at the first. [30]And
the children of Dan set up for
themselves the graven image; and
Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son
of [a]Manasseh, he and his sons were
priests to the tribe of the Danites until
the day of the captivity of the land.
[31]So they set them up Micah’s graven
image which he made, all the time that
the house of God was in Shiloh.

## 19

And it came to pass in those
days, when there was no king
in Israel, that there was a certain
Levite sojourning on the farther side of
the hill-country of Ephraim, who took
to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem
in Judah. [2]And his concubine played
the harlot against him, and went away
from him unto her father’s house to
Beth-lehem in Judah, and was there
the space of four months. [3]And her
husband arose, and went after her, to
speak kindly unto her, to bring her
back, having his servant with him, and

[a] Heb. מנשה With נ suspended, indicating an earlier reading, *Moses*.

a couple of asses; and she brought him
into her father’s house; and when the
father of the damsel saw him, he
rejoiced to meet him. 4And his father-
in-law, the damsel’s father, retained
him; and he abode with him three
days; so they did eat and drink, and
lodged there. 5And it came to pass on
the fourth day, that they arose early in
the morning, and he rose up to depart;
and the damsel’s father said unto his
son-in-law: ‘Stay thy heart with a
morsel of bread, and afterward ye shall
go your way.’ 6So they sat down, and
did eat and drink, both of them
together; and the damsel’s father said
unto the man: ‘Be content, I pray thee,
and tarry all night, and let thy heart be
merry.’ 7And the man rose up to
depart; but his father-in-law urged
him, and he lodged there again. 8And
he arose early in the morning on the
fifth day to depart; and the damsel’s
father said: ‘Stay thy heart, I pray thee,
and tarry ye until the day declineth’;
and they did eat, both of them. 9And
when the man rose up to depart, he,
and his concubine, and his servant, his
father-in-law, the damsel’s father, said
unto him: ‘Behold, now the day
draweth toward evening; tarry, I pray
you, all night; behold, the day groweth
to an end; lodge here, that thy heart
may be merry; and to-morrow get you
early on your way, that thou mayest go
home.’ 10But the man would not tarry
that night, but he rose up and departed,
and came over against Jebus—the
same is Jerusalem; and there were with
him a couple of asses saddled; his
concubine also was with him. 11When
they were by Jebus—the day was far
spent—the servant said unto his
master: ‘Come, I pray thee, and let us
turn aside into this city of the
Jebusites, and lodge in it.’ 12And his
master said unto him: ‘We will not
turn aside into the city of a foreigner,
that is not of the children of Israel; but
we will pass over to Gibeah.’ 13And he
said unto his servant: ‘Come and let us
draw near to one of these places; and
we will lodge in Gibeah, or in Ramah.’
14So they passed on and went their
way; and the sun went down upon
them near to Gibeah, which belongeth
to Benjamin. 15And they turned aside
thither, to go in to lodge in Gibeah;
and he went in, and sat him down in
the broad place of the city; for there
was no man that took them into his
house to lodge. 16And, behold, there
came an old man from his work out of
the field at even; now the man was of
the hill-country of Ephraim, and he
sojourned in Gibeah; but the men of
the place were Benjamites. 17And he
lifted up his eyes, and saw the
wayfaring man in the broad place of
the city; and the old man said:
‘Whither goest thou? and whence
comest thou?’ 18And he said unto him:
‘We are passing from Beth-lehem in
Judah unto the farther side of the hill-
country of Ephraim; from thence am I,
and I went to Beth-lehem in Judah,
and I am now going to the house of the
Lord; and there is no man that taketh

me into his house. [19]Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man that is with thy servants; there is no want of any thing.' [20]And the old man said: 'Peace be unto thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the broad place.' [21]So he brought him into his house, and gave the asses fodder; and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink. [22]As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain base fellows, beset the house round about, beating at the door; and they spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying: 'Bring forth the man that came into thy house, that we may know him.' [23]And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them: 'Nay, my brethren, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into my house, do not this wanton deed. [24]Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine; I will bring them out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you; but unto this man do not so wanton a thing.' [25]But the men would not hearken to him; so the man laid hold on his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning; and when the day began to spring, they let her go. [26]Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, till it was light. [27]And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way; and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands upon the threshold. [28]And he said unto her.' Up, and let us be going'; but none answered; then he took her up upon the ass; and the man rose up, and got him unto his place. [29]And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of Israel. [30]And it was so, that all that saw it said: 'Such a thing hath not happened nor been seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day; consider it, take counsel, and speak.'

## 20

Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD at Mizpah. [2]And the chiefs of all the people, even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword.— [3]Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpah.—And the children of Israel said: 'Tell us, how was this wickedness brought to pass?' [4]And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was murdered, answered and said: 'I

came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. [5]And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night; me they thought to have slain, and my concubine they forced, and she is dead. [6]And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel; for they have committed lewdness and wantonness in Israel [7]Behold, ye are all here, children of Israel, give here your advice and council.' [8]And all the people arose as one man, saying: 'We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn unto his house. [9]But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah: we will go up against it by lot; [10]and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victuals for the people, that they may do, when they come to [a]Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the wantonness that they have wrought in Israel.' [11]So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

[12]And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying: 'What wickedness is this that is come to pass among you? [13]Now therefore deliver up the men, the base fellows that are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel.' But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel. [14]And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of their cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. [15]And the children of Benjamin numbered on that day out of the cities twenty and six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who numbered seven hundred chosen men. [16]All this people, even seven hundred chosen men, were left-handed; every one could sling stones at a hair-breadth, and not miss.

[17]And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword; all these were men of war. [18]And the children of Israel arose, and went up to Beth-el, and asked counsel of God; and they said: 'Who shall go up for us first to battle against the children of Benjamin?' And the Lord said: 'Judah first.' [19]And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. [20]And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel set the battle in array against them at Gibeah. [21]And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites on that day twenty and two thousand men. [22]And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set the

[a] Heb. Geba.

battle again in array in the place where
they set themselves in array the first
day. 23 And the children of Israel went
up and wept before the Lord until
even; and they asked of the Lord,
saying: ‘Shall I again draw nigh to
battle against the children of Benjamin
my brother?’ And the Lord said: ‘Go
up against him.’

24 And the children of Israel came
near against the children of Benjamin
the second day. 25 And Benjamin went
forth against them out of Gibeah the
second day, and destroyed down to the
ground of the children of Israel again
eighteen thousand men; all these drew
the sword. 26 Then all the children of
Israel, and all the people, went up, and
came unto Beth-el, and wept, and sat
there before the Lord, and fasted that
day until even; and they offered burnt-
offerings and peace-offerings before
the Lord. 27 And the children of Israel
asked of the Lord—for the ark of the
covenant of God was there in those
days, 28 and Phinehas, the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before
it in those days—saying: ‘Shall I yet
again go out to battle against the
children of Benjamin my brother, or
shall I cease?’ And the Lord said: ‘Go
up; for to-morrow I will deliver him
into thy hand.’ 29 And Israel set liers-
in-wait against Gibeah round about.

30 And the children of Israel went up
against the children of Benjamin on
the third day, and set themselves in
array against Gibeah, as at other times.
31 And the children of Benjamin went
out against the people, and were drawn
away from the city; and they began to
smite and kill of the people, as at other
times, in the field, in the highways, of
which one goeth up to Beth-el, and the
other to Gibeah, about thirty men of
Israel. 32 And the children of Benjamin
said: ‘They are smitten down before
us, as at the first.’ But the children of
Israel said: ‘Let us flee, and draw them
away from the city unto the highways.’
33 And all the men of Israel rose up out
of their place, and set themselves in
array at Baal-tamar; and the liers-in-
wait of Israel broke forth out of their
place, even out of Maareh-geba. 34 And
there came over against Gibeah ten
thousand chosen men out of all Israel,
and the battle was sore; but they knew
not that evil was close upon them.
35 And the Lord smote Benjamin before
Israel; and the children of Israel
destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty
and five thousand and a hundred men;
all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw
that they were smitten. And the men of
Israel gave place to Benjamin, because
they trusted unto the liers-in-wait
whom they had set against Gibeah.—
37 And the liers-in-wait hastened, and
rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers-in-
wait drew forth, and smote all the city
with the edge of the sword. 38 Now
there was an appointed sign between
the men of Israel and the liers-in-wait,
that they should make a great beacon
of smoke rise up out of the city.—
39 And the men of Israel turned in the

battle, and Benjamin began to smite
and kill of the men of Israel about
thirty persons; for they said: ‘Surely
they are smitten down before us, as in
the first battle.’ 40But when the beacon
began to arise up out of the city in a
pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked
behind them, and, behold, the whole of
the city went up in smoke to heaven.
41And the men of Israel turned, and the
men of Benjamin were amazed; for
they saw that evil was come upon
them. 42Therefore they turned their
backs before the men of Israel unto the
way of the wilderness; but the battle
followed hard after them; and they that
came out of the city destroyed them in
the midst of the men of Israel. 43They
inclosed the Benjamites round about,
and chased them, and overtook them at
their resting-place, as far as over
against Gibeah toward the sunrising.
44And there fell of Benjamin eighteen
thousand men; all these were men of
valour. 45And they turned and fled
toward the wilderness unto the rock of
Rimmon; and they gleaned of them in
the highways five thousand men; and
followed hard after them unto Gidom,
and smote of them two thousand men.
46So that all who fell that day of
Benjamin were twenty and five
thousand men that drew the sword; all
these were men of valour. 47But six
hundred men turned and fled toward
the wilderness unto the rock of
Rimmon, and abode in the rock of
Rimmon four months. 48And the men
of Israel turned back upon the children
of Benjamin, and smote them with the
edge of the sword, both the entire city,
and the cattle, and all that they found;
moreover all the cities which they
found they set on fire.

21 Now the men of Israel had
sworn in Mizpah, saying:
‘There shall not any of us give his
daughter unto Benjamin to wife.’ 2And
the people came to Beth-el, and sat
there till even before God, and lifted
up their voices, and wept sore. 3And
they said: ‘O Lord, the God of Israel,
why is this come to pass in Israel, that
there should be to-day one tribe
lacking in Israel?’ 4And it came to pass
on the morrow that the people rose
early, and built there an altar, and
offered burnt-offerings and peace-
offerings. 5And the children of Israel
said: ‘Who is there among all the
tribes of Israel that came not up in the
assembly unto the Lord?’ For they had
made a great oath concerning him that
came not up unto the Lord to Mizpah,
saying: ‘He shall surely be put to
death.’ 6And the children of Israel
repented them for Benjamin their
brother, and said: ‘There is one tribe
cut off from Israel this day. 7How shall
we do for wives for them that remain,
seeing we have sworn by the Lord that
we will not give them of our daughters
to wives?’ 8And they said: ‘What one
is there of the tribes of Israel that came
not up unto the Lord to Mizpah?’ And,
behold, there came none to the camp
from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly.
9For when the people were numbered,

behold, there were none of the
inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.
[10]And the congregation sent thither
twelve thousand men of the valiantest,
and commanded them, saying: ‘Go
and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-
gilead with the edge of the sword, with
the women and the little ones. [11]And
this is the thing that ye shall do: ye
shall utterly destroy every male, and
every woman that hath lain by man.’
[12]And they found among the
inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four
hundred young virgins, that had not
known man by lying with him; and
they brought them unto the camp to
Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

[13]And the whole congregation sent
and spoke to the children of Benjamin
that were in the rock of Rimmon, and
proclaimed peace unto them. [14]And
Benjamin returned at that time; and
they gave them the women whom they
had saved alive of the women of
Jabesh-gilead; and yet so they sufficed
them not. [15]And the people repented
them for Benjamin, because that the
LORD had made a breach in the tribes
of Israel.

[16]Then the elders of the
congregation said: ‘How shall we do
for wives for them that remain, seeing
the women are destroyed out of
Benjamin?’ [17]And they said: ‘They
that are escaped must be as an
inheritance for Benjamin, that a tribe
be not blotted out from Israel.
[18]Howbeit we may not give them
wives of our daughters.’ For the
children of Israel had sworn, saying:
‘Cursed be he that giveth a wife to
Benjamin.’ [19]And they said: ‘Behold,
there is the feast of the LORD from year
to year in Shiloh, which is on the north
of Beth-el, on the east side of the
highway that goeth up from Beth-el to
Shechem, and on the south of
Lebonah.’ [20]And they commanded the
children of Benjamin, saying: ‘Go and
lie in wait in the vineyards; [21]and see,
and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh
come out to dance in the dances, then
come ye out of the vineyards, and
catch you every man his wife of the
daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land
of Benjamin. [22]And it shall be, when
their fathers or their brethren come to
strive with us, that we will say unto
them: Grant them graciously unto us;
because we took not for each man of
them his wife in battle; neither did ye
give them unto them, that ye should
now be guilty.’ [23]And the children of
Benjamin did so, and took them wives,
according to their number, of them that
danced, whom they carried off; and
they went and returned unto their
inheritance, and built the cities, and
dwelt in them. [24]And the children of
Israel departed thence at that time,
every man to his tribe and to his
family, and they went out from thence
every man to his inheritance. [25]In those
days there was no king in Israel; every
man did that which was right in his
own eyes.

# שמואל א
# FIRST SAMUEL

## 1

Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill-country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. [2]And he had two wives: the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. [3]And this man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there priests unto the LORD. [4]And it came to pass upon a day, when Elkanah sacrificed, that he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions; [5]but unto Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had shut up her womb. [6]And her rival vexed her sore, to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. [7]And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she vexed her; therefore she wept, and would not eat. [8]And Elkanah her husband said unto her: ‘Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?’ [9]So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk—now Eli the priest sat upon his seat by the door-post of the temple of the LORD; [10]and she was in bitterness of soul—and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. [11]And she vowed a vow, and said: ‘O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thy handmaid, and remember me, and not forget Thy handmaid, but wilt give unto Thy handmaid a man-child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.’ [12]And it came to pass, as she prayed long before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth. [13]Now Hannah, she spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice could not be heard; therefore, Eli thought she had been drunken. [14]And Eli said unto her: ‘How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee.’ [15]And Hannah answered and said: ‘No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my soul before the LORD. [16]Count not thy handmaid for a wicked woman: for out of the abundance of my complaint and my vexation have I spoken hitherto.’ [17]Then Eli answered and said: ‘Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant thy petition that thou hast asked of Him.’ [18]And she said: ‘Let thy servant find

favour in thy sight.' So the woman
went her way, and did eat, and her
countenance was no more sad. 19And
they rose up in the morning early, and
worshipped before the Lord, and
returned, and came to their house to
Ramah; and Elkanah knew Hannah his
wife; and the Lord remembered her.
20And it came to pass, when the time
was come about, that Hannah
conceived, and bore a son; and she
called his name Samuel: 'because I
have asked him of the Lord.'

21And the man Elkanah, and all his
house, went up to offer unto the Lord
the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22But
Hannah went not up; for she said unto
her husband: 'Until the child be
weaned, when I will bring him, that he
may appear before the Lord, and there
abide for ever.' 23And Elkanah her
husband said unto her: 'Do what
seemeth thee good; tarry until thou
have weaned him; only the Lord
establish His word.' So the woman
tarried and gave her son suck, until she
weaned him. 24And when she had
weaned him, she took him up with her,
with three bullocks, and one ephah of
meal, and a bottle of wine, and brought
him unto the house of the Lord in
Shiloh; and the child was young.
25And when the bullock was slain, the
child was brought to Eli. 26And she
said: 'Oh, my lord, as thy soul liveth,
my lord, I am the woman that stood by
thee here, praying unto the Lord. 27For
this child I prayed; and the Lord hath
granted me my petition which I asked
of Him; 28therefore I also have lent
him to the Lord; as long as he liveth
he is lent to the Lord.' And he
worshipped the Lord there.

2 And Hannah prayed, and said:
My heart exulteth in the Lord,
My horn is exalted in the Lord;
My mouth is enlarged over mine
enemies;
Because I rejoice in Thy salvation.
2There is none holy as the Lord,
For there is none beside Thee;
Neither is there any rock like our
God.
3Multiply not exceeding proud talk;
Let not arrogancy come out of your
mouth;
For the Lord is a God of knowledge,
And by Him actions are weighed.
4The bows of the mighty men are
broken,
And they that stumbled are girded
with strength.
5They that were full have hired out
themselves for bread;
And they that were hungry have
ceased;
While the barren hath borne seven,
She that had many children hath
languished.

6The Lord killeth, and maketh alive;
He bringeth down to the grave, and
bringeth up.
7The Lord maketh poor, and maketh
rich;
He bringeth low, He also lifteth up.

8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
He lifteth up the needy from the dung-hill,
To make them sit with princes,
And inherit the throne of glory;
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
And He hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of His holy ones,
But the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness;
For not by strength shall man prevail.
10 They that strive with the LORD shall be broken to pieces;
Against them will He thunder in heaven;
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;
And He will give strength unto His king,
And exalt the horn of His anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his
house. And the child did minister unto
the LORD before Eli the priest.
12 Now the sons of Eli were base
men; they knew not the LORD. 13 And
the custom of the priests with the
people was, that, when any man
offered sacrifice, the priest's servant
came, while the flesh was in seething,
with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his
band; 14 and he struck it into the pan, or
kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the
flesh-hook brought up the priest took
therewith. So they did unto all the
Israelites that came thither in Shiloh.
15 Yea, before the fat was made to
smoke, the priest's servant came, and
said to the man that sacrificed: 'Give
flesh to roast for the priest; for he will
not have sodden flesh of thee, but
raw.' 16 And if the man said unto him:
'Let the fat be made to smoke first of
all, and then take as much as thy soul
desireth'; then he would say: 'Nay, but
thou shalt give it me now; and if not, I
will take it by force.' 17 And the sin of
the young men was very great before
the LORD; for the men dealt
contemptuously with the offering of
the LORD.
18 But Samuel ministered before the
LORD, being a child, girded with a
linen ephod. 19 Moreover his mother
made him a little robe, and brought it
to him from year to year, when she
came up with her husband to offer the
yearly sacrifice. 20 And Eli would bless
Elkanah and his wife, and say: 'The
LORD give thee seed of this woman for
the loan which was lent to the LORD.'
And they would go unto their own
home. 21 So the LORD remembered
Hannah, and she conceived, and bore
three sons and two daughters. And the
child Samuel grew before the LORD.
22 Now Eli was very old; and he
heard all that his sons did unto all
Israel, and how that they lay with the
women that did service at the door of
the tent of meeting. 23 And he said unto
them: 'Why do ye such things? for I

hear evil reports concerning you from
all this people. 24Nay, my sons; for it is
no good report which I hear the
LORD'S people do spread abroad. 25If
one man sin against another, God shall
judge him; but if a man sin against the
LORD, who shall entreat for him?' But
they hearkened not unto the voice of
their father, because the LORD would
slay them. 26And the child Samuel
grew on, and increased in favour both
with the LORD, and also with men.

27And there came a man of God unto
Eli, and said unto him: 'Thus saith the
LORD: Did I reveal Myself unto the
house of thy father, when they were in
Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house?
28And did I choose him out of all the
tribes of Israel to be My priest, to go
up unto Mine altar, to burn incense, to
wear an ephod before Me? and did I
give unto the house of thy father all
the offerings of the children of Israel
made by fire? 29Wherefore kick ye at
My sacrifice and at Mine offering,
which I have commanded in My
habitation; and honourest thy sons
above Me, to make yourselves fat with
the chiefest of all the offerings of
Israel My people? 30Therefore the
LORD, the God of Israel, saith: I said
indeed that thy house, and the house of
thy father, should walk before Me for
ever; but now the LORD saith: Be it far
from Me: for them that honour Me I
will honour, and they that despise Me
shall be lightly esteemed. 31Behold, the
days come, that I will cut off thine
arm, and the arm of thy father's house,
that there shall not be an old man in
thy house. 32And thou shalt behold a
rival in My habitation, in all the good
which shall be done to Israel; and there
shall not be an old man in thy house
for ever. 33Yet will I not cut off every
man of thine from Mine altar, to make
thine eyes to fail, and thy heart to
languish; and all the increase of thy
house shall die young men. 34And this
shall be the sign unto thee, that which
shall come upon thy two sons, on
Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they
shall die both of them. 35And I will
raise Me up a faithful priest, that shall
do according to that which is in My
heart and in My mind; and I will build
him a sure house; and he shall walk
before Mine anointed for ever. 36And it
shall come to pass, that every one that
is left in thy house shall come and bow
down to him for a piece of silver and a
loaf of bread, and shall say: Put me, I
pray thee, into one of the
priests'offices, that I may eat a morsel
of bread.'

3 And the child Samuel ministered
unto the LORD before Eli. And the
word of the LORD was precious in
those days; there was no frequent
vision. 2And it came to pass at that
time, when Eli was laid down in his
place—now his eyes had begun to wax
dim, that he could not see— 3and the
lamp of God was not yet gone out, and
Samuel was laid down to sleep in the
temple of the LORD, where the ark of
God was, 4that the LORD called
Samuel; and he said: 'Here am I.'

5 And he ran unto Eli, and said: ‘Here
am I; for thou didst call me.’ And he
said: ‘I called not; lie down again.’
And he went and lay down. 6 And the
LORD called yet again Samuel. And
Samuel arose and went to Eli, and
said: ‘Here am I; for thou didst call
me.’ And he answered: ‘I called not,
my son; lie down again.’ 7 Now Samuel
did not yet know the LORD, neither was
the word of the LORD yet revealed unto
him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel
again the third time. And he arose and
went to Eli, and said: ‘Here am I; for
thou didst call me.’ And Eli perceived
that the LORD was calling the child.
9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel: ‘Go,
lie down; and it shall be, if thou be
called, that thou shalt say: Speak,
LORD; for Thy servant heareth.’ So
Samuel went and lay down in his
place. 10 And the LORD came, and stood,
and called as at other times: ‘Samuel,
Samuel.’ Then Samuel said: ‘Speak;
for Thy servant heareth.’ 11 And the
LORD said to Samuel: ‘Behold, I will
do a thing in Israel, at which both the
ears of every one that heareth it shall
tingle. 12 In that day I will perform
against Eli all that I have spoken
concerning his house, from the
beginning even unto the end. 13 For I
have told him that I will judge his
house for ever, for the iniquity, in that
he knew that his sons did bring a curse
upon themselves, and he rebuked them
not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto
the house of Eli, that the iniquity of
Eli’s house shall not be expiated with
sacrifice nor offering for ever.’ 15 And
Samuel lay until the morning, and
opened the doors of the house of the
LORD. And Samuel feared to tell Eli the
vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and
said: ‘Samuel, my son.’ And he said:
‘Here am I.’ 17 And he said: ‘What is
the thing that He hath spoken unto
thee? I pray thee, hide it not from me,
God do so to thee, and more also, if
thou hide any thing from me of all the
things that He spoke unto thee.’ 18 And
Samuel told him all the words, and hid
nothing from him. And he said: ‘It is
the LORD; let Him do what seemeth
Him good.’

19 And Samuel grew, and the LORD
was with him, and did let none of his
words fall to the ground. 20 And all
Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba
knew that Samuel was established to
be a prophet of the LORD. 21 And the
LORD appeared again in Shiloh; for the
LORD revealed Himself to Samuel in
Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

4 And the word of Samuel came to
all Israel.

Now Israel went out against the
Philistines to battle, and pitched beside
Eben-ezer; and the Philistines pitched
in Aphek. 2 And the Philistines put
themselves in array against Israel; and
when the battle was spread, Israel was
smitten before the Philistines; and they
slew of the army in the field about four
thousand men. 3 And when the people
were come into the camp, the elders of
Israel said: ‘Wherefore hath the LORD
smitten us to-day before the

Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the
covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh
unto us, that He may come among us,
and save us out of the hand of our
enemies.' 4So the people sent to
Shiloh, and they brought from thence
the ark of the covenant of the Lord of
hosts, who sitteth upon the cherubim;
and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and
Phinehas, were there with the ark of
the covenant of God. 5And when the
ark of the covenant of the Lord came
into the camp, all Israel shouted with a
great shout, so that the earth rang.
6And when the Philistines heard the
noise of the shout, they said: 'What
meaneth the noise of this great shout in
the camp of the Hebrews?' And they
knew that the ark of the Lord was
come into the camp. 7And the
Philistines were afraid, for they said:
'God is come into the camp.' And they
said: 'Woe unto us! for there was not
such a thing yesterday and the day
before. 8Woe unto us! who shall
deliver us out of the hand of these
mighty gods? these are the gods that
smote the Egyptians with all manner
of plagues and in the wilderness. 9Be
strong, and quit yourselves like men,
O ye Philistines, that ye be not
servants unto the Hebrews, as they
have been to you; quit yourselves like
men, and fight.' 10And the Philistines
fought, and Israel was smitten, and
they fled every man to his tent; and
there was a very great slaughter; for
there fell of Israel thirty thousand
footmen. 11And the ark of God was
taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni
and Phinehas, were slain.

12And there ran a man of Benjamin
out of the army, and came to Shiloh
the same day with his clothes rent, and
with earth upon his head. 13And when
he came, lo, Eli sat upon his seat by
the wayside watching; for his heart
trembled for the ark of God. And when
the man came into the city, and told it,
all the city cried out. 14And when Eli
heard the noise of the crying, he said:
'What meaneth the noise of this
tumult?' And the man made haste, and
came and told Eli. 15Now Eli was
ninety and eight years old; and his
eyes were set, that he could not see.
16And the man said unto Eli: 'I am he
that came out of the army, and I fled
to-day out of the army.' And he said:
'How went the matter, my son?' 17And
he that brought the tidings answered
and said: 'Israel is fled before the
Philistines, and there hath been also a
great slaughter among the people, and
thy two sons also, Hophni and
Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God
is taken.' 18And it came to pass, when
he made mention of the ark of God,
that he fell from off his seat backward
by the side of the gate, and his neck
broke, and he died; for he was an old
man, and heavy. And he had judged
Israel forty years.

19And his daughter-in-law,
Phinehas'wife, was with child, near to
be delivered; and when she heard the
tidings that the ark of God was taken,
and that her father-in-law and her

husband were dead, she bowed herself
and brought forth; for her pains came
suddenly upon her. [20]And about the
time of her death the women that stood
by her said unto her: ‘Fear not; for
thou hast brought forth a son.’ But she
answered not, neither did she regard it.
[21]And she named the child [a]Ichabod,
saying: ‘The glory is departed from
Israel’; because the ark of God was
taken, and because of her father-in-law
and her husband. [22]And she said: ‘The
glory is departed from Israel; for the
ark of God is taken.’

5 Now the Philistines had taken the
ark of God, and they brought it
from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. [2]And the
Philistines took the ark of God, and
brought it into the house of Dagon,
and set it by Dagon. [3]And when they
of Ashdod arose early on the morrow,
behold, Dagon was fallen upon his
face to the ground before the ark of the
LORD. And they took Dagon, and set
him in his place again. [4]And when they
arose early on the morrow morning,
behold, Dagon was fallen upon his
face to the ground before the ark of the
LORD; and the head of Dagon and both
the palms of his hands lay cut off upon
the threshold; only the trunk of Dagon
was left to him. [5]Therefore neither the
priests of Dagon, nor any that come
into Dagon’s house, tread on the
threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto
this day.

[6]But the hand of the LORD was heavy
upon them of Ashdod, and He
destroyed them, and smote them with
emerods, even Ashdod and the borders
thereof. [7]And when the men of Ashdod
saw that it was so, they said: ‘The ark
of the God of Israel shall not abide
with us; for His hand is sore upon us,
and upon Dagon our god.’ [8]They sent
therefore and gathered all the lords of
the Philistines unto them, and said:
‘What shall we do with the ark of the
God of Israel?’ And they answered:
‘Let the ark of the God of Israel be
carried about unto Gath.’ And they
carried the ark of the God of Israel
about thither. [9]And it was so, that, after
they had carried it about, the hand of
the LORD was against the city with a
very great discomfiture; and He smote
the men of the city, both small and
great, and emerods broke out upon
them. [10]So they sent the ark of God to
Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark
of God came to Ekron, that the
Ekronites cried out, saying: ‘They
have brought about the ark of the God
of Israel to us, to slay us and our
people.’ [11]They sent therefore and
gathered together all the lords of the
Philistines, and they said: ‘Send away
the ark of the God of Israel, and let it
go back to its own place, that it slay us
not, and our people’; for there was a
deadly discomfiture throughout all the
city; the hand of God was very heavy
there. [12]And the men that died not
were smitten with the emerods; and
the cry of the city went up to heaven.

[a] That is, *There is no glory*.

**6** And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. 2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying: ‘What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? declare unto us wherewith we shall send it to its place.’ 3 And they said: ‘If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return Him a guilt-offering; then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you.’ 4 Then said they: ‘What shall be the guilt-offering which we shall return to Him?’ And they said: ‘Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines; for one plague was on you all, and on your lords. 5 Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel; peradventure He will lighten His hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when He had wrought among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? 7 Now therefore take and prepare you a new cart, and two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them. 8 And take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return Him for a guilt-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. 9 And see, if it goeth up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, then He hath done us this great evil; but if not, then we shall know that it is not His hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.’

10 And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home. 11 And they put the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods. 12 And the kine took the straight way by the way to Beth-shemesh; they went along the highway, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh. 13 And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. 14 And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone; and they cleaved the wood of the cart, and offered up the kine for a burnt-offering unto the LORD. 15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone; and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. 16 And when the five lords of the

Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

17 And these are the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a guilt-offering unto the LORD: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fortified cities and of country villages, even unto Abel by the great stone, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD, which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite. 19 And He smote of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had gazed upon the ark of the LORD, even He smote of the people seventy men, and fifty thousand men; and the people [a]mourned, because the LORD had smitten the people with a great slaughter. 20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said: ‘Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? and to whom shall it go up from us?’ 21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying: ‘The Philistines have brought back the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch it up to you.’

7 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, from the day that the ark abode in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years; and all the house of Israel yearned after the LORD. 3 And Samuel spoke unto all the house of Israel, saying: ‘If ye do return unto the LORD with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and direct your hearts unto the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.’ 4 Then the children of Israel did put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said: ‘Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you unto the LORD.’ 6 And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there: ‘We have sinned against the LORD.’ And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel: ‘Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that He save us out of the hand of the Philistines.’ 9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a whole burnt-offering unto the LORD; and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD

[a] From the Hebrew root *abel*.

answered him. 10And as Samuel was
offering up the burnt-offering, the
Philistines drew near to battle against
Israel; but the LORD thundered with a
great thunder on that day upon the
Philistines, and discomfited them; and
they were smitten down before Israel.
11And the men of Israel went out of
Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines,
and smote them, until they came under
Beth-car. 12Then Samuel took a stone,
and set it between Mizpah and Shen,
and called the name of it [a]Eben-ezer,
saying: 'Hitherto hath the LORD helped
us.' 13So the Philistines were subdued,
and they came no more within the
border of Israel; and the hand of the
LORD was against the Philistines all the
days of Samuel. 14And the cities which
the Philistines had taken from Israel
were restored to Israel, from Ekron
even unto Gath; and the border thereof
did Israel deliver out of the hand of the
Philistines. And there was peace
between Israel and the Amorites.
15And Samuel judged Israel all the
days of his life. 16And he went from
year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and
Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged
Israel in all those places. 17And his
return was to Ramah, for there was his
house; and there he judged Israel; and
he built there an altar unto the LORD.

8 And it came to pass, when
Samuel was old, that he made his
sons judges over Israel. 2Now the
name of his first-born was Joel; and
the name of his second, Abijah; they
were judges in Beer-sheba. 3And his
sons walked not in his ways, but
turned aside after lucre, and took
bribes, and perverted justice.

4Then all the elders of Israel
gathered themselves together, and
came to Samuel unto Ramah. 5And
they said unto him: 'Behold, thou art
old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways;
now make us a king to judge us like all
the nations.' 6But the thing displeased
Samuel, when they said: 'Give us a
king to judge us.' And Samuel prayed
unto the LORD. 7And the LORD said unto
Samuel: 'Hearken unto the voice of
the people in all that they say unto
thee; for they have not rejected thee,
but they have rejected Me, that I
should not be king over them.
8According to all the works which they
have done since the day that I brought
them up out of Egypt even unto this
day, in that they have forsaken Me,
and served other gods, so do they also
unto thee. 9Now therefore hearken
unto their voice; howbeit thou shalt
earnestly forewarn them, and shalt
declare unto them the manner of the
king that shall reign over them.'

10And Samuel told all the words of
the LORD unto the people that asked of
him a king. 11And he said: 'This will
be the manner of the king that shall
reign over you: he will take your sons,
and appoint them unto him, for his
chariots, and to be his horsemen; and
they shall run before his chariots.
12And he will appoint them unto him

[a] That is, *The stone of help*.

for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots. [13]And he will take your daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. [14]And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. [15]And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. [16]And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. [17]He will take the tenth of your flocks; and ye shall be his servants. [18]And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not answer you in that day.' [19]But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Samuel; and they said: 'Nay; but there shall be a king over us; [20]that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.' [21]And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he spoke them in the ears of the LORD. [22]And the LORD said to Samuel: 'Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king.' And Samuel said unto the men of Israel: 'Go ye every man unto his city.'

## 9

Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valour. [2]And he had a son, whose name was Saul, young and goodly, and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. [3]Now the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son: 'Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.' [4]And he passed through the hill-country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they found them not; then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and there they were not; and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. [5]When they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him: 'Come and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and become anxious concerning us.' [6]And he said unto him: 'Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is a man that is held in honour; all that he saith cometh surely to pass; now let us go thither; peradventure he can tell us concerning our journey whereon we go.' [7]Then said Saul to his servant: 'But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God; what have we?' [8]And the servant answered Saul again, and said: 'Behold, I have in my

hand the fourth part of a shekel of
silver, that will I give to the man of
God, to tell us our way.'—
[9]Beforetime in Israel, when a man
went to inquire of God, thus he said:
'Come and let us go to the seer'; for he
that is now called a prophet was
beforetime called a seer.—[10]Then said
Saul to his servant: 'Well said; come,
let us go.' So they went unto the city
where the man of God was. [11]As they
went up the ascent to the city, they
found young maidens going out to
draw water, and said unto them: 'Is the
seer here?' [12]And they answered them,
and said: 'He is; behold, he is before
thee; make haste now, for he is come
to-day into the city; for the people
have a sacrifice to-day in the high
place. [13]As soon as ye are come into
the city, ye shall straightway find him,
before he go up to the high place to
eat; for the people will not eat until he
come, because he doth bless the
sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that
are bidden. Now therefore get you up;
for at this time ye shall find him.'
[14]And they went up to the city; and as
they came within the city, behold,
Samuel came out toward them, to go
up to the high place.

[15]Now the Lord had revealed unto
Samuel a day before Saul came,
saying: [16]'To-morrow about this time I
will send thee a man out of the land of
Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to
be prince over My people Israel, and
he shall save My people out of the
hand of the Philistines; for I have
looked upon My people, because their
cry is come unto Me.' [17]And when
Samuel saw Saul, the Lord spoke unto
him: 'Behold the man of whom I said
unto thee: This same shall have
authority over My people.' [18]Then
Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate,
and said: 'Tell me, I pray thee, where
the seer's house is.' [19]And Samuel
answered Saul, and said: 'I am the
seer; go up before me unto the high
place, for ye shall eat with me to-day;
and in the morning I will let thee go,
and will tell thee all that is in thy heart.
[20]And as for thine asses that were lost
three days ago, set not thy mind on
them; for they are found. And on
whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it
not on thee, and on all thy father's
house?' [21]And Saul answered and said:
'Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest
of the tribes of Israel? and my family
the least of all the families of the tribe
of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest
thou to me after this manner?'

[22]And Samuel took Saul and his
servant, and brought them into the
chamber, and made them sit in the
chiefest place among them that were
bidden, who were about thirty persons.
[23]And Samuel said unto the cook:
'Bring the portion which I gave thee,
of which I said unto thee: Set it by
thee.' [24]And the cook took up the
thigh, and that which was upon it, and
set it before Saul. And [Samuel] said:
'Behold that which hath been
reserved! set it before thee and eat;
because unto the appointed time hath it

been kept for thee, for I said: I have
invited the people.’ So Saul did eat
with Samuel that day. [25]And when
they were come down from the high
place into the city, he spoke with Saul
upon the housetop. [26]And they arose
early; and it came to pass about the
break of day, that Samuel called to
Saul on the housetop, saying: ‘Up, that
I may send thee away.’ And Saul
arose, and they went out both of them,
he and Samuel, abroad. [27]As they were
going down at the end of the city,
Samuel said to Saul: ‘Bid the servant
pass on before us—and he passed
on—but stand thou still at this time,
that I may cause thee to hear the word
of God.’

10 Then Samuel took the vial of
oil, and poured it upon his
head, and kissed him, and said: ‘Is it
not that the Lord hath anointed thee to
be prince over His inheritance? [2]When
thou art departed from me to-day, then
thou shalt find two men by the tomb of
Rachel, in the border of Benjamin at
Zelzah; and they will say unto thee:
The asses which thou wentest to seek
are found; and, lo, thy father hath left
off caring for the asses, and is anxious
concerning you, saying: What shall I
do for my son? [3]Then shalt thou go on
forward from thence, and thou shalt
come to the terebinth of Tabor, and
there shall meet thee there three men
going up to God to Beth-el, one
carrying three kids, and another
carrying three loaves of bread, and
another carrying a bottle of wine. [4]And
they will salute thee, and give thee two
cakes of bread; which thou shalt
receive of their hand. [5]After that thou
shalt come to the hill of God, where is
the garrison of the Philistines; and it
shall come to pass, when thou art
come thither to the city, that thou shalt
meet a band of prophets coming down
from the high place with a psaltery,
and a timbrel, and a pipe, and a harp,
before them; and they will be
prophesying. [6]And the spirit of the
Lord will come mightily upon thee,
and thou shalt prophesy with them,
and shalt be turned into another man.
[7]And let it be, when these signs are
come unto thee, that thou do as thy
hand shall find; for God is with thee.
[8]And thou shalt go down before me to
Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down
unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, and
to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-
offerings; seven days shalt thou tarry,
till I come unto thee, and tell thee what
thou shalt do.’

[9]And it was so, that when he had
turned his back to go from Samuel,
God gave him another heart; and all
those signs came to pass that day.
[10]And when they came thither to the
hill, behold, a band of prophets met
him; and the spirit of God came
mightily upon him, and he prophesied
among them. [11]And it came to pass,
when all that knew him beforetime
saw that, behold, he prophesied with
the prophets, then the people said one
to another: ‘What is this that is come
unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also

among the prophets?’ 12 And one of the
same place answered and said: ‘And
who is their father?’ Therefore it
became a proverb: ‘Is Saul also among
the prophets?’ 13 And when he had
made an end of prophesying, he came
to the high place.

14 And Saul’s uncle said unto him
and to his servant: ‘Whither went ye?’
And he said: ‘To seek the asses; and
when we saw that they were not found,
we came to Samuel.’ 15 And Saul’s
uncle said: ‘Tell me, I pray thee, what
Samuel said unto you.’ 16 And Saul
said unto his uncle: ‘He told us plainly
that the asses were found.’ But
concerning the matter of the kingdom,
whereof Samuel spoke, he told him
not.

17 And Samuel called the people
together unto the LORD to Mizpah.
18 And he said unto the children of
Israel: ‘Thus saith the LORD, the God
of Israel: I brought up Israel out of
Egypt, and I delivered you out of the
hand of the Egyptians, and out of the
hand of all the kingdoms that
oppressed you. 19 But ye have this day
rejected your God, who Himself
saveth you out of all your calamities
and your distresses; and ye have said
unto Him: Nay, but set a king over us.
Now therefore present yourselves
before the LORD by your tribes, and by
your thousands.’ 20 So Samuel brought
all the tribes of Israel near, and the
tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21 And he
brought the tribe of Benjamin near by
their families, and the family of the
Matrites was taken; and Saul the son
of Kish was taken; but when they
sought him, he could not be found.
22 Therefore they asked of the LORD
further: ‘Is there yet a man come
hither?’ And the LORD answered:
‘Behold, he hath hid himself among
the baggage.’ 23 And they ran and
fetched him thence; and when he stood
among the people, he was higher than
any of the people from his shoulders
and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all
the people: ‘See ye him whom the
LORD hath chosen, that there is none
like him among all the people?’ And
all the people shouted, and said: ‘Long
live the king.’

25 Then Samuel told the people the
manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in
a book, and laid it up before the LORD.
And Samuel sent all the people away,
every man to his house. 26 And Saul
also went to his house to Gibeah; and
there went with him the men of valour,
whose hearts God had touched. 27 But
certain base fellows said: ‘How shall
this man save us?’ And they despised
him, and brought him no present. But
he was as one that held his peace.

11 Then Nahash the Ammonite
came up, and encamped
against Jabesh-gilead; and all the men
of Jabesh said unto Nahash: ‘Make a
covenant with us, and we will serve
thee.’ 2 And Nahash the Ammonite said
unto them: ‘On this condition will I
make it with you, that all your right
eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a
reproach upon all Israel.’ 3 And the

elders of Jabesh said unto him: ‘Give
us seven days’respite, that we may
send messengers unto all the borders
of Israel; and then, if there be none to
deliver us, we will come out to thee.’
4Then came the messengers to
Gibeath-shaul, and spoke these words
in the ears of the people; and all the
people lifted up their voice, and wept.
5And, behold, Saul came following the
oxen out of the field; and Saul said:
‘What aileth the people that they
weep?’ And they told him the words of
the men of Jabesh. 6And the spirit of
God came mightily upon Saul when he
heard those words, and his anger was
kindled greatly. 7And he took a yoke
of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and
sent them throughout all the borders of
Israel by the hand of messengers,
saying: ‘Whosoever cometh not forth
after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it
be done unto his oxen.’ And the dread
of the Lord fell on the people, and
they came out as one man. 8And he
numbered them in Bezek; and the
children of Israel were three hundred
thousand, and the men of Judah thirty
thousand. 9And they said unto the
messengers that came: ‘Thus shall ye
say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead: To-
morrow, by the time the sun is hot, ye
shall have deliverance.’ And the
messengers came and told the men of
Jabesh; and they were glad. 10And the
men of Jabesh said: ‘To-morrow we
will come out unto you, and ye shall
do with us all that seemeth good unto
you.’

11And it was so on the morrow, that
Saul put the people in three
companies; and they came into the
midst of the camp in the morning
watch, and smote the Ammonites until
the heat of the day; and it came to
pass, that they that remained were
scattered, so that two of them were not
left together. 12And the people said
unto Samuel: ‘Who is he that said:
Shall Saul reign over us? bring the
men, that we may put them to death.’
13And Saul said: ‘There shall not a
man be put to death this day; for to-
day the Lord hath wrought deliverance
in Israel.’

14Then said Samuel to the people:
‘Come and let us go to Gilgal, and
renew the kingdom there.’ 15And all
the people went to Gilgal; and there
they made Saul king before the Lord
in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed
sacrifices of peace-offerings before the
Lord; and there Saul and all the men
of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12 And Samuel said unto all
Israel: ‘Behold, I have
hearkened unto your voice in all that
ye said unto me, and have made a king
over you. 2And now, behold, the king
walketh before you; and I am old and
grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are
with you; and I have walked before
you from my youth unto this day.
3Here I am; witness against me before
the Lord, and before His anointed:
whose ox have I taken? or whose ass
have I taken? or whom have I
defrauded? or whom have I oppressed?

or of whose hand have I taken a ransom to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.’ 4And they said: ‘Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man’s hand.’ 5And he said unto them: ‘The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand.’ And they said: ‘He is witness.’

6And Samuel said unto the people: ‘It is the LORD that made Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD, which He did to you and to your fathers. 8When Jacob was come into Egypt, then your fathers cried unto the LORD, and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and they were made to dwell in this place. 9But they forgot the LORD their God, and He gave them over into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. 10And they cried unto the LORD, and said: We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve Thee. 11And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelt in safety. 12And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me: Nay, but a king shall reign over us; when the LORD your God was your king. 13Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have asked for; and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. 14If ye will fear the LORD, and serve Him, and hearken unto His voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and both ye and also the king that reigneth over you be followers of the LORD your God—; 15but if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, and against your fathers. 16Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes. 17Is it not wheat harvest to-day? I will call unto the LORD, that He may send thunder and rain; and ye shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.’ 18So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. 19And all the people said unto Samuel: ‘Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not; for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king.’ 20And Samuel said unto the people: ‘Fear not; ye have indeed done all this evil; yet turn not

aside from following the LORD, but
serve the LORD with all your heart;
[21]and turn ye not aside; for then should
ye go after vain things which cannot
profit nor deliver, for they are vain.
[22]For the LORD will not forsake His
people for His great name's sake;
because it hath pleased the LORD to
make you a people unto Himself.
[23]Moreover as for me, far be it from
me that I should sin against the LORD
in ceasing to pray for you; but I will
instruct you in the good and the right
way. [24]Only fear the LORD, and serve
Him in truth with all your heart; for
consider how great things He hath
done for you. [25]But if ye shall still do
wickedly, ye shall be swept away, both
ye and your king.'

13 Saul was [a]—years old when he
began to reign; and two years
he reigned over Israel. [2]And Saul
chose him three thousand men of
Israel; whereof two thousand were
with Saul in Michmas and in the
mount of Beth-el, and a thousand were
with Jonathan in Gibeath-benjamin;
and the rest of the people he sent every
man to his tent. [3]And Jonathan smote
the garrison of the Philistines that was
in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it.
And Saul blew the horn throughout all
the land, saying: 'Let the Hebrews
hear.' [4]And all Israel heard say that
Saul had smitten the garrison of the
Philistines, and that Israel also had
made himself odious with the
Philistines. And the people were
gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.

[5]And the Philistines assembled
themselves together to fight with
Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six
thousand horsemen, and people as the
sand which is on the sea-shore in
multitude; and they came up, and
pitched in Michmas, eastward of Beth-
aven. [6]When the men of Israel saw that
they were in a strait—for the people
were distressed—then the people did
hide themselves in caves, and in
thickets, and in rocks, and in holds,
and in pits. [7]Now some of the Hebrews
had gone over the Jordan to the land of
Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he
was yet in Gilgal, and all the people
followed him trembling.

[8]And he tarried seven days,
according to the set time that Samuel
had appointed; but Samuel came not to
Gilgal; and the people were scattered
from him. [9]And Saul said: 'Bring
hither to me the burnt-offering and the
peace-offerings.' And he offered the
burnt-offering. [10]And it came to pass
that, as soon as he had made an end of
offering the burnt-offering, behold,
Samuel came; and Saul went out to
meet him, that he might salute him.
[11]And Samuel said: 'What hast thou
done?' And Saul said: 'Because I saw
that the people were scattered from
me, and that thou camest not within
the days appointed, and that the
Philistines assembled themselves
together against Michmas; [12]therefore

[a] The number is wanting in the Hebrew.

said I: Now will the Philistines come
down upon me to Gilgal, and I have
not entreated the favour of the LORD; I
forced myself therefore, and offered
the burnt-offering.’ [13]And Samuel said
to Saul: ‘Thou hast done foolishly;
thou hast not kept the commandment
of the LORD thy God, which He
commanded thee; for now would the
LORD have established thy kingdom
upon Israel for ever. [14]But now thy
kingdom shall not continue; the LORD
hath sought him a man after His own
heart, and the LORD hath appointed him
to be prince over His people, because
thou hast not kept that which the LORD
commanded thee.’

[15]And Samuel arose, and got him up
from Gilgal unto Gibeath-benjamin.
And Saul numbered the people that
were present with him, about six
hundred men. [16]And Saul, and
Jonathan his son, and the people that
were present with them, abode in
[a]Gibeath-benjamin; but the Philistines
encamped in Michmas. [17]And the
spoilers came out of the camp of the
Philistines in three companies: one
company turned unto the way that
leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of
Shual; [18]and another company turned
the way to Beth-horon; and another
company turned the way of the border
that looketh down upon the valley of
Zeboim toward the wilderness.

[19]Now there was no smith found
throughout all the land of Israel; for
the Philistines said: ‘Lest the Hebrews
make them swords or spears’; [20]but all
the Israelites went down to the
Philistines, to sharpen every man his
plowshare, and his coulter, and his
axe, and his mattock. [21]And the price
of the filing was [b]a pim for the
mattocks, and for the coulters, and for
the forks with three teeth, and for the
axes; and to set the goads. [22]So it came
to pass in the day of battle, that there
was neither sword nor spear found in
the hand of any of the people that were
with Saul and Jonathan; but with Saul
and with Jonathan his son was there
found. [23]And the garrison of the
Philistines went out unto the pass of
Michmas.

14 Now it fell upon a day, that
Jonathan the son of Saul said
unto the young man that bore his
armour: ‘Come and let us go over to
the Philistines’garrison, that is on
yonder side. But he told not his father.
[2]And Saul tarried in the uttermost part
of Gibeah under the pomegranate-tree
which is in Migron; and the people
that were with him were about six
hundred men, [3]and Ahijah, the son of
Ahitub, Ichabod’s brother, the son of
Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of
the LORD in Shiloh, wearing an ephod.
And the people knew not that Jonathan
was gone. [4]And between the passes, by
which Jonathan sought to go over unto
the Philistines’garrison, there was a
rocky crag on the one side, and a rocky

[a] Heb. *Geba*.

[b] That is, two-thirds of a *shekel*.

crag on the other side; and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. [5]The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmas, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

[6]And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armour: ‘Come and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us; for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.’ [7]And his armour-bearer said unto him: ‘Do all that is in thy heart; turn thee, behold I am with thee according to thy heart.’ [8]Then said Jonathan: ‘Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will disclose ourselves unto them. [9]If they say thus unto us: Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. [10]But if they say thus: Come up unto us; then we will go up; for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand; and this shall be the sign unto us.’ [11]And both of them disclosed themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines; and the Philistines said: ‘Behold Hebrews coming forth out of the holes where they hid themselves.’ [12]And the men of the garrison spoke to Jonathan and his armour-bearer, and said: ‘Come up to us, and we will show you a thing.’ And Jonathan said unto his armour-bearer: ‘Come up after me; for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.’ [13]And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armour-bearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan; and his armour-bearer slew them after him. [14]And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armour-bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were half a furrow’s length in an acre of land. [15]And there was a trembling in the camp in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked; so it grew into a terror from God. [16]And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeath-benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went hither and thither.

[17]Then said Saul unto the people that were with him: ‘Number now, and see who is gone from us.’ And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armour-bearer were not there. [18]And Saul said unto Ahijah: ‘Bring hither the ark of God.’ For the ark of God was there at that time with the children of Israel. [19]And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased; and Saul said unto the priest: ‘Withdraw thy hand.’ [20]And Saul and all the people that were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle; and, behold, every man’s sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture. [21]Now the Hebrews that were with the Philistines as beforetime, and that went up with them into the camp round about; even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and

Jonathan. [22]Likewise all the men of Israel that had hid themselves in the hill-country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. [23]So the LORD saved Israel that day; and the battle passed on as far as Beth-aven.

[24]And the men of Israel were distressed that day; but Saul adjured the people, saying: ‘Cursed be the man that eateth any food until it be evening, and I be avenged on mine enemies.’ So none of the people tasted food. [25]And all the people came into the forest; and there was honey upon the ground. [26]And when the people were come unto the forest, behold a flow of honey; but no man put his hand to his mouth; for the people feared the oath. [27]But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath; and he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes brightened. [28]Then answered one of the people, and said: ‘Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying: Cursed be the man that eateth food this day; and the people are faint.’ [29]Then said Jonathan: ‘My father hath troubled the land; see, I pray you, how mine eyes are brightened, because I tasted a little of this honey. [30]How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? had there not been then a much greater slaughter among the Philistines?’ [31]And they smote of the Philistines that day from Michmas to Aijalon; and the people were very faint. [32]And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground; and the people did eat them with the blood. [33]Then they told Saul, saying: ‘Behold, the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood.’ And he said: ‘Ye have dealt treacherously; roll a great stone unto me this day.’ [34]And Saul said: ‘Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them: Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood.’ And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew them there. [35]And Saul built an altar unto the LORD; the same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

[36]And Saul said: ‘Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them.’ And they said: ‘Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee.’ Then said the priest: ‘Let us draw near hither unto God.’ [37]And Saul asked counsel of God: ‘Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into the hand of Israel?’ But He answered him not that day. [38]And Saul said: ‘Draw nigh hither, all ye chiefs of the people; and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day. [39]For, as the LORD liveth, who saveth

Israel, though it be in Jonathan my
son, he shall surely die.’ But there was
not a man among all the people that
answered him. 40 Then said he unto all
Israel: ‘Be ye on one side, and I and
Jonathan my son will be on the other
side.’ And the people said unto Saul:
‘Do what seemeth good unto thee.’
41 Therefore Saul said unto the LORD,
the God of Israel: ‘Declare the right.’
And Jonathan and Saul were taken by
lot; but the people escaped. 42 And Saul
said: ‘Cast lots between me and
Jonathan my son.’ And Jonathan was
taken. 43 Then Saul said to Jonathan:
‘Tell me what thou hast done.’ And
Jonathan told him, and said: ‘I did
certainly taste a little honey with the
end of the rod that was in my hand;
here am I: I will die.’ 44 And Saul said:
‘God do so and more also; thou shalt
surely die, Jonathan.’ 45 And the people
said unto Saul: ‘Shall Jonathan die,
who hath wrought this great salvation
in Israel? Far from it; as the LORD
liveth, there shall not one hair of his
head fall to the ground; for he hath
wrought with God this day.’ So the
people rescued Jonathan, that he died
not. 46 Then Saul went up from
following the Philistines; and the
Philistines went to their own place.

47 So Saul took the kingdom over
Israel, and fought against all his
enemies on every side, against Moab,
and against the children of Ammon,
and against Edom, and against the
kings of Zobah, and against the
Philistines; and whithersoever he
turned himself, he put them to the
worse. 48 And he did valiantly, and
smote the Amalekites, and delivered
Israel out of the hands of them that
spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were
Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchi-shua;
and the names of his two daughters
were these: the name of the first-born
Merab, and the name of the younger
Michal; 50 and the name of Saul’s wife
was Ahinoam the daughter of
Ahimaaz; and the name of the captain
of his host was [a]Abner, the son of Ner,
Saul’s uncle. 51 And Kish was the
father of Saul, and Ner the father of
Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the
Philistines all the days of Saul; and
when Saul saw any mighty man, or
any valiant man, he took him unto
him.

15 And Samuel said unto Saul:
‘The LORD sent me to anoint
thee to be king over His people, over
Israel; now therefore hearken thou
unto the voice of the words of the
LORD. 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I
remember that which Amalek did to
Israel, how he set himself against him
in the way, when he came up out of
Egypt. 3 Now go and smite Amalek,
and utterly destroy all that they have,
and spare them not; but slay both man
and woman, infant and suckling, ox
and sheep, camel and ass.’

[a] Heb. *Abiner*.

[4]And Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. [5]And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley. [6]And Saul said unto the Kenites: ‘Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for ye showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt.’ So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. [7]And Saul smote the Amalekites, from Havilah as thou goest to Shur, that is in front of Egypt. [8]And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. [9]But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, even the young of the second birth, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them; but every thing that was of no account and feeble, that they destroyed utterly.

[10]Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying: [11]’It repenteth Me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following Me, and hath not performed My commandments.’ And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. [12]And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying: ‘Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he is setting him up a monument, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.’ [13]And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said unto him: ‘Blessed be thou of the LORD; I have performed the commandment of the LORD.’ [14]And Samuel said: ‘What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?’ [15]And Saul said: ‘They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.’ [16]Then Samuel said unto Saul: ‘Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night.’ And he said unto him: ‘Say on.’

[17]And Samuel said: ‘Though thou be little in thine own sight, art thou not head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed thee king over Israel; [18]and the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said: Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. [19]Wherefore then didst thou not hearken to the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst that which was evil in the sight of the LORD?’ [20]And Saul said unto Samuel: ‘Yea, I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. [21]But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.’ [22]And Samuel said:

'Hath the Lord as great delight in
burnt-offerings and sacrifices,
As in hearkening to the voice of the
Lord?
Behold, to obey is better than
sacrifice,
And to hearken than the fat of rams.
23For rebellion is as the sin of
witchcraft,
And stubbornness is as idolatry and
teraphim.

Because thou hast rejected the word
of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee
from being king.' 24And Saul said unto
Samuel: 'I have sinned; for I have
transgressed the commandment of the
Lord, and thy words; because I feared
the people, and hearkened to their
voice. 25Now therefore, I pray thee,
pardon my sin, and return with me,
that I may worship the Lord.' 26And
Samuel said unto Saul: 'I will not
return with thee; for thou hast rejected
the word of the Lord, and the Lord
hath rejected thee from being king
over Israel.' 27And as Samuel turned
about to go away, he laid hold upon
the skirt of his robe, and it rent. 28And
Samuel said unto him: 'The Lord hath
rent the kingdom of Israel from thee
this day, and hath given it to a
neighbour of thine, that is better than
thou. 29And also the Glory of Israel
will not lie nor repent; for He is not a
man, that He should repent.' 30Then he
said: 'I have sinned; yet honour me
now, I pray thee, before the elders of
my people, and before Israel, and
return with me, that I may worship the
Lord thy God.' 31So Samuel returned
after Saul; and Saul worshipped the
Lord.

32Then said Samuel: 'Bring ye hither
to me Agag the king of the
Amalekites.' And Agag came unto
him in chains. And Agag said: 'Surely
the bitterness of death is at hand.'
33And Samuel said:

As thy sword hath made women
childless,
So shall thy mother be childless
among women.

And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces
before the Lord in Gilgal.

34Then Samuel went to Ramah; and
Saul went up to his house to Gibeath-
shaul. 35And Samuel never beheld Saul
again until the day of his death; for
Samuel mourned for Saul; and the
Lord repented that He had made Saul
king over Israel.

16 And the Lord said unto
Samuel: 'How long wilt thou
mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected
him from being king over Israel? fill
thy horn with oil, and go, I will send
thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite; for I
have provided Me a king among his
sons.' 2And Samuel said: 'How can I
go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me.'
And the Lord said: 'Take a heifer with
thee, and say: I am come to sacrifice to
the Lord. 3And call Jesse to the
sacrifice, and I will tell thee what thou
shalt do; and thou shalt anoint unto Me
him whom I name unto thee.' 4And
Samuel did that which the Lord spoke,
and came to Beth-lehem. And the

elders of the city came to meet him
trembling, and said: ‘Comest thou
peaceably?’ [5]And he said: ‘Peaceably;
I am come to sacrifice unto the Lord;
sanctify yourselves and come with me
to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified
Jesse and his sons, and called them to
the sacrifice. [6]And it came to pass,
when they were come, that he beheld
Eliab, and said: ‘Surely the Lord’s
anointed is before Him.’ [7]But the Lord
said unto Samuel: ‘Look not on his
countenance, or on the height of his
stature; because I have rejected him;
for it is not as man seeth: for man
looketh on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looketh on the heart.’
[8]Then Jesse called Abinadab, and
made him pass before Samuel. And he
said: ‘Neither hath the Lord chosen
this.’ [9]Then Jesse made Shammah to
pass by. And he said: ‘Neither hath the
Lord chosen this.’ [10]And Jesse made
seven of his sons to pass before
Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse:
‘The Lord hath not chosen these.’
[11]And Samuel said unto Jesse: ‘Are
here all thy children?’ And he said:
‘There remaineth yet the youngest,
and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.’
And Samuel said unto Jesse: ‘Send
and fetch him; for we will not sit down
till he come hither.’ [12]And he sent, and
brought him in. Now he was ruddy,
and withal of beautiful eyes, and
goodly to look upon. And the Lord
said: ‘Arise, anoint him; for this is he.’
[13]Then Samuel took the horn of oil,
and anointed him in the midst of his
brethren; and the spirit of the Lord
came mightily upon David from that
day forward. So Samuel rose up, and
went to Ramah.

[14]Now the spirit of the Lord had
departed from Saul, and an evil spirit
from the Lord terrified him. [15]And
Saul’s servants said unto him: ‘Behold
now, an evil spirit from God terrifieth
thee. [16]Let our lord now command thy
servants, that are before thee, to seek
out a man who is a skilful player on
the harp; and it shall be, when the evil
spirit from God cometh upon thee, that
he shall play with his hand, and thou
shalt be well.’ [17]And Saul said unto his
servants: ‘Provide me now a man that
can play well, and bring him to me.’
[18]Then answered one of the young
men, and said: ‘Behold, I have seen a
son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, that is
skilful in playing, and a mighty man of
valour, and a man of war, and prudent
in affairs, and a comely person, and
the Lord is with him.’ [19]Wherefore
Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and
said: ‘Send me David thy son, who is
with the sheep.’ [20]And Jesse took an
ass laden with bread, and a bottle of
wine, and a kid, and sent them by
David his son unto Saul. [21]And David
came to Saul, and stood before him;
and he loved him greatly; and he
became his armour-bearer. [22]And Saul
sent to Jesse, saying: ‘Let David, I
pray thee, stand before me; for he hath
found favour in my sight.’ [23]And it
came to pass, when the [evil] spirit
from God was upon Saul, that David

took the harp, and played with his hand; so Saul found relief, and it was well with him, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. [2]And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched in the vale of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. [3]And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side; and there was a valley between them. [4]And there went out a champion from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. [5]And he had a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. [6]And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a javelin of brass between his shoulders. [7]And the shaft of his spear was like a weaver’s beam; and his spear’s head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. [8]And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and said unto them: ‘Why do ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. [9]If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.’ [10]And the Philistine said: ‘I do taunt the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.’ [11]And when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

[12]Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem in Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons; and the man was an old man in the days of Saul, stricken in years among men. [13]And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle; and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the first-born, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. [14]And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul.—[15]Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his father’s sheep at Beth-lehem.—[16]And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

[17]And Jesse said unto David his son: ‘Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to thy brethren. [18]And bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and to thy brethren shalt thou bring greetings, and take their pledge; [19]now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, are in the vale of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.’ [20]And David rose up early in the

morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the barricade, as the host which was going forth to the fight shouted for the battle. [21]And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, army against army. [22]And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the army, and came and greeted his brethren. [23]And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words; and David heard them. [24]And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. [25]And the men of Israel said: ‘Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to taunt Israel is he come up; and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father’s house free in Israel.’

[26]And David spoke to the men that stood by him, saying: ‘What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the taunt from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should have taunted the armies of the living God?’ [27]And the people answered him after this manner, saying: ‘So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.’ [28]And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke unto the men; and Eliab’s anger was kindled against David, and he said: ‘Why art thou come down? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy presumptuousness, and the naughtiness of thy heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.’ [29]And David said: ‘What have I now done? Was it not but a word?’ [30]And he turned away from him toward another, and spoke after the same manner; and the people answered him after the former manner.

[31]And when the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he was taken to him. [32]And David said to Saul: ‘Let no man’s heart fail within him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.’ [33]And Saul said to David: ‘Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.’ [34]And David said unto Saul: ‘Thy servant kept his father’s sheep; and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, [35]I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. [36]Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath taunted the armies of the living God.’ [37]And David said: ‘The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver

me out of the hand of this Philistine.'
And Saul said unto David: 'Go, and
the LORD shall be with thee.' [38]And
Saul clad David with his apparel, and
he put a helmet of brass upon his head,
and he clad him with a coat of mail.
[39]And David girded his sword upon his
apparel, and he essayed to go [, but
could not]; for he had not tried it. And
David said unto Saul: 'I cannot go
with these; for I have not tried them.'
And David put them off him. [40]And he
took his staff in his hand, and chose
him five smooth stones out of the
brook, and put them in the shepherd's
bag which he had, even in his scrip;
and his sling was in his hand; and he
drew near to the Philistine.

[41]And the Philistine came nearer and
nearer unto David; and the man that
bore the shield went before him. [42]And
when the Philistine looked about, and
saw David, he disdained him; for he
was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal
of a fair countenance. [43]And the
Philistine said unto David: 'Am I a
dog, that thou comest to me with
staves?' And the Philistine cursed
David by his god. [44]And the Philistine
said to David: 'Come to me, and I will
give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air,
and to the beasts of the field.' [45]Then
said David to the Philistine: 'Thou
comest to me with a sword, and with a
spear, and with a javelin; but I come to
thee in the name of the LORD of hosts,
the God of the armies of Israel, whom
thou hast taunted. [46]This day will the
LORD deliver thee into my hand; and I
will smite thee, and take thy head from
off thee; and I will give the carcasses
of the host of the Philistines this day
unto the fowls of the air, and to the
wild beasts of the earth; that all the
earth may know that there is a God in
Israel; [47]and that all this assembly may
know that the LORD saveth not with
sword and spear; for the battle is the
LORD'S, and He will give you into our
hand.' [48]And it came to pass, when the
Philistine arose, and came and drew
nigh to meet David, that David
hastened, and ran toward the army to
meet the Philistine. [49]And David put
his hand in his bag, and took thence a
stone, and slung it, and smote the
Philistine in his forehead; and the
stone sank into his forehead, and he
fell upon his face to the earth. [50]So
David prevailed over the Philistine
with a sling and with a stone, and
smote the Philistine, and slew him; but
there was no sword in the hand of
David. [51]And David ran, and stood
over the Philistine, and took his sword,
and drew it out of the sheath thereof,
and slew him, and cut off his head
therewith. And when the Philistines
saw that their mighty man was dead,
they fled. [52]And the men of Israel and
of Judah arose, and shouted, and
pursued the Philistines, until thou
comest to Gai, and to the gates of
Ekron. And the wounded of the
Philistines fell down by the way to
Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto
Ekron. [53]And the children of Israel
returned from chasing after the

Philistines, and they spoiled their
camp. 54And David took the head of
the philistine, and brought it to
Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his
tent.

55And when Saul saw David go
forth against the Philistine, he said
unto Abner, the captain of the host:
‘Abner, whose son is this youth?’ And
Abner said: ‘As thy soul liveth, O
king, I cannot tell.’ 56And the king
said: ‘Inquire thou whose son the
stripling is.’ 57And as David returned
from the slaughter of the Philistine,
Abner took him, and brought him
before Saul with the head of the
Philistine in his hand. 58And Saul said
to him: ‘Whose son art thou, thou
young man?’ And David answered: ‘I
am the son of thy servant Jesse the
Beth-lehemite.’

18 And it came to pass, when he
had made an end of speaking
unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan
was knit with the soul of David, and
Jonathan loved him as his own soul.
2And Saul took him that day, and
would let him go no more home to his
father’s house. 3Then Jonathan made a
covenant with David, because he loved
him as his own soul. 4And Jonathan
stripped himself of the robe that was
upon him, and gave it to David, and
his apparel, even to his sword, and to
his bow, and to his girdle. 5And David
went out; whithersoever Saul sent him,
he had good success; and Saul set him
over the men of war; and it was good
in the sight of all the people, and also
in the sight of Saul’s servants.

6And it came to pass as they came,
when David returned from the
slaughter of the Philistine, that the
women came out of all the cities of
Israel, singing and dancing, to meet
king Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and
with three-stringed instruments. 7And
the women sang one to another in their
play, and said:

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands.

8And Saul was very wroth, and this
saying displeased him; and he said:
‘They have ascribed unto David ten
thousands, and to me they have
ascribed but thousands; and all he
lacketh is the kingdom! ’ 9And Saul
eyed David from that day and forward.

10And it came to pass on the
morrow, that an evil spirit from God
came mightily upon Saul, and he raved
in the midst of the house; and David
played with his hand, as he did day by
day; and Saul had his spear in his
hand. 11And Saul cast the spear; for he
said: ‘I will smite David even to the
wall.’ And David stepped aside out of
his presence twice. 12And Saul was
afraid of David, because the Lord was
with him, and was departed from Saul.
13Therefore Saul removed him from
him, and made him his captain over a
thousand; and he went out and came in
before the people. 14And David had
great success in all his ways; and the
Lord was with him. 15And when Saul
saw that he had great success, he stood

in awe of him. [16]But all Israel and
Judah loved David; for he went out
and came in before them.

[17]And Saul said to David: ‘Behold
my elder daughter Merab, her will I
give thee to wife; only be thou valiant
for me, and fight the Lord’S battles.’
For Saul said: ‘Let not my hand be
upon him, but let the hand of the
Philistines be upon him.’ [18]And David
said unto Saul: ‘Who am I, and what is
my life, or my father’s family in Israel,
that I should be son-in-law to the
king?’ [19]But it came to pass at the time
when Merab Saul’s daughter should
have been given to David, that she was
given unto Adriel the Meholathite to
wife. [20]And Michal Saul’s daughter
loved David; and they told Saul, and
the thing pleased him. [21]And Saul said:
‘I will give him her, that she may be a
snare to him, and that the hand of the
Philistines may be against him.’
Wherefore Saul said to David: ‘Thou
shalt this day be my son-in-law
through the one of the twain.’ [22]And
Saul commanded his servants: ‘Speak
with David secretly, and say: Behold,
the king hath delight in thee, and all
his servants love thee; now therefore
be the king’s son-in-law.’ [23]And Saul’s
servants spoke those words in the ears
of David. And David said: ‘Seemeth it
to you a light thing to be the king’s
son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor
man, and lightly esteemed?’ [24]And the
servants of Saul told him, saying: ‘On
this manner spoke David.’ [25]And Saul
said: ‘Thus shall ye say to David: The
king desireth not any dowry, but a
hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to
be avenged of the king’s enemies.’ For
Saul thought to make David fall by the
hand of the Philistines. [26]And when his
servants told David these words, it
pleased David well to be the king’s
son-in-law. And the days were not
expired; [27]and David arose and went,
he and his men, and slew of the
Philistines two hundred men; and
David brought their foreskins, and
they gave them in full number to the
king, that he might be the king’s son-
in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his
daughter to wife. [28]And Saul saw and
knew that the Lord was with David;
and Michal Saul’s daughter loved him.
[29]And Saul was yet the more afraid of
David; and Saul was David’s enemy
continually.

[30]Then the princes of the Philistines
went forth; and it came to pass, as
often as they went forth, that David
prospered more than all the servants of
Saul; so that his name was much set
by.

19 And Saul spoke to Jonathan
his son, and to all his servants,
that they should slay David; but
Jonathan Saul’s son delighted much in
David. [2]And Jonathan told David,
saying: ‘Saul my father seeketh to slay
thee; now therefore, I pray thee, take
heed to thyself in the morning, and
abide in a secret place, and hide
thyself. [3]And I will go out and stand
beside my father in the field where
thou art, and I will speak with my

father of thee; and if I see aught, I will tell thee.'

4 And Jonathan spoke good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him: 'Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his work hath been very good towards thee; 5 for he put his life in his hand, and smote the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great victory for all Israel; thou sawest it, and didst rejoice; wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?' 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan; and Saul swore: 'As the Lord liveth, he shall not be put to death.' 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as beforetime.

8 And there was war again; and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled before him. 9 And an evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the spear into the wall; and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 And Saul sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning; and Michal David's wife told him, saying: 'If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain.' 12 So Michal let David down through the window; and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a quilt of goats'hair at the head thereof, and covered it with a cloth. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said: 'He is sick.' 15 And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying: 'Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.' 16 And when the messengers came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the quilt of goats'hair at the head thereof. 17 And Saul said unto Michal: 'Why hast thou deceived me thus, and let mine enemy go, that he is escaped?' And Michal answered Saul: 'He said unto me: Let me go; why should I kill thee?'

18 Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. 19 And it was told Saul, saying: 'Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.' 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David; and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to the great

cistern that is in Secu; and he asked
and said: ‘Where are Samuel and
David?’ And one said: ‘Behold, they
are at Naioth in Ramah.’ 23And he
went thither to Naioth in Ramah; and
the spirit of God came upon him also,
and he went on, and prophesied, until
he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24And he
also stripped off his clothes, and he
also prophesied before Samuel, and
lay down naked all that day and all
that night. Wherefore they say: ‘Is
Saul also among the prophets?’

20 And David fled from Naioth in
Ramah, and came and said
before Jonathan: ‘What have I done?
what is mine iniquity? and what is my
sin before thy father, that he seeketh
my life?’ 2And he said unto him: ‘Far
from it; thou shalt not die; behold, my
father doeth nothing either great or
small, but that he discloseth it unto
me; and why should my father hide
this thing from me? it is not so.’ 3And
David swore moreover, and said: ‘Thy
father knoweth well that I have found
favour in thine eyes; and he saith: Let
not Jonathan know this, lest he be
grieved; but truly as the LORD liveth,
and as thy soul liveth, there is but a
step between me and death.’ 4Then
said Jonathan unto David: ‘What doth
thy soul desire, that I should do it for
thee?’ 5And David said unto Jonathan:
‘Behold, to-morrow is the new moon,
when I should sit with the king to eat;
so let me go, that I may hide myself in
the field unto the third day at even. 6If
thy father miss me at all, then say:
David earnestly asked leave of me that
he might run to Beth-lehem his city;
for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all
the family. 7If he say thus: It is well;
thy servant shall have peace; but if he
be wroth, then know that evil is
determined by him. 8Therefore deal
kindly with thy servant; for thou hast
brought thy servant into a covenant of
the LORD with thee; but if there be in
me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why
shouldest thou bring me to thy father?’
9And Jonathan said: ‘Far be it from
thee; for if I should at all know that
evil were determined by my father to
come upon thee, then would not I tell
it thee? 10Then said David to Jonathan:
‘Who shall tell me if perchance thy
father answer thee roughly?’ 11And
Jonathan said unto David: ‘Come and
let us go out into the field.’ And they
went out both of them into the field.

12And Jonathan said unto David:
‘The LORD, the God of Israel—when I
have sounded my father about this
time to-morrow, or the third day,
behold, if there be good toward David,
shall I not then send unto thee, and
disclose it unto thee? 13The LORD do so
to Jonathan, and more also, should it
please my father to do thee evil, if I
disclose it not unto thee, and send thee
away, that thou mayest go in peace;
and the LORD be with thee, as He hath
been with my father. 14And thou shalt
not only while yet I live show me the
kindness of the LORD, that I die not;
15but also thou shalt not cut off thy
kindness from my house for ever; no,

not when the LORD hath cut off the
enemies of David every one from the
face of the earth.’ 16 So Jonathan made
a covenant with the house of David:
‘The LORD even require it at the hand
of David’s enemies.’ 17 And Jonathan
caused David to swear again, for the
love that he had to him; for he loved
him as he loved his own soul.

18 And Jonathan said unto him: ‘To-
morrow is the new moon; and thou
wilt be missed, thy seat will be empty.
19 And in the third day thou shalt hide
thyself well, and come to the place
where thou didst hide thyself in the
day of work, and shalt remain by the
stone Ezel. 20 And I will shoot three
arrows to the side-ward, as though I
shot at a mark. 21 And, behold, I will
send the lad: Go, find the arrows. If I
say unto the lad: Behold, the arrows
are on this side of thee; take them, and
come; for there is peace to thee and no
hurt, as the LORD liveth. 22 But if I say
thus unto the boy: Behold, the arrows
are beyond thee; go thy way; for the
LORD hath sent thee away. 23 And as
touching the matter which I and thou
have spoken of, behold, the LORD is
between me and thee for ever.’

24 So David hid himself in the field;
and when the new moon was come,
the king sat him down to the meal to
eat. 25 And the king sat upon his seat, as
at other times, even upon the seat by
the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and
Abner sat by Saul’s side; but David’s
place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul
spoke not any thing that day; for he
thought: ‘Something hath befallen
him, he is unclean; surely he is not
clean.’ 27 And it came to pass on the
morrow after the new moon, which
was the second day, that David’s place
was empty; and Saul said unto
Jonathan his son: ‘Wherefore cometh
not the son of Jesse to the meal,
neither yesterday, nor to-day?’ 28 And
Jonathan answered Saul: ‘David
earnestly asked leave of me to go to
Beth-lehem; 29 and he said: Let me go,
I pray thee; for our family hath a
sacrifice in the city; and my brother,
he hath commanded me; and now, if I
have found favour in thine eyes, let me
get away, I pray thee, and see my
brethren. Therefore he is not come
unto the king’s table.’

30 Then Saul’s anger was kindled
against Jonathan, and he said unto
him: ‘Thou son of perverse rebellion,
do not I know that thou hast chosen
the son of Jesse to thine own shame,
and unto the shame of thy mother’s
nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of
Jesse liveth upon the earth, thou shalt
not be established, nor thy kingdom.
Wherefore now send and fetch him
unto me, for he deserveth to die.’
32 And Jonathan answered Saul his
father, and said unto him: ‘Wherefore
should he be put to death? what hath
he done?’ 33 And Saul cast his spear at
him to smite him; whereby Jonathan
knew that it was determined of his
father to put David to death. 34 So
Jonathan arose from the table in fierce
anger, and did eat no food the second

day of the month; for he was grieved
for David, and because his father had
put him to shame.
35And it came to pass in the
morning, that Jonathan went out into
the field at the time appointed with
David, and a little lad with him. 36And
he said unto his lad: ‘Run, find now
the arrows which I shoot.’ And as the
lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.
37And when the lad was come to the
place of the arrow which Jonathan had
shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and
said: ‘Is not the arrow beyond thee?’
38And Jonathan cried after the lad:
‘Make speed, hasten, stay not.’ And
Jonathan’s lad gathered up the arrows,
and came to his master. 39But the lad
knew not any thing; only Jonathan and
David knew the matter. 40And
Jonathan gave his weapons unto his
lad, and said unto him: ‘Go, carry
them to the city.’ 41And as soon as the
lad was gone, David arose out of a
place toward the South, and fell on his
face to the ground, and bowed down
three times; and they kissed one
another, and wept one with another,
until David exceeded. 42And Jonathan
said to David: ‘Go in peace, forasmuch
as we have sworn both of us in the
name of the Lord, saying: The Lord
shall be between me and thee, and

21 Between my seed and thy
seed, for ever.’ 1And he arose
and departed; and Jonathan went into
the city.
2Then came David to Nob to
Ahimelech the priest; and Ahimelech
came to meet David trembling, and
said unto him: ‘Why art thou alone,
and no man with thee?’ 3 And David
said unto Ahimelech the priest: ‘The
king hath commanded me a business,
and hath said unto me: Let no man
know any thing of the business
whereabout I send thee, and what I
have commanded thee; and the young
men have I appointed to such and such
a place. 4 Now therefore what is under
thy hand? five loaves of bread? give
them in my hand, or whatsoever there
is present.’ 5And the priest answered
David, and said: ‘There is no common
bread under my hand, but there is holy
bread; if only the young men have kept
themselves from women.’ 6 And David
answered the priest, and said unto him:
‘Of a truth women have been kept
from us about these three days; when I
came out, the vessels of the young
men were holy, though it was but a
common journey; how much more
then to-day, when there shall be holy
bread in their vessels?’ 7 So the priest
gave him holy bread; for there was no
bread there but the showbread, that
was taken from before the Lord, to put
hot bread in the day when it was taken
away.— 8 Now a certain man of the
servants of Saul was there that day,
detained before the Lord; and his
name was Doeg the Edomite, the
chiefest of the herdmen that belonged
to Saul.— 9 And David said unto
Ahimelech: ‘And is there peradventure
here under thy hand spear or sword?
for I have neither brought my sword

nor my weapons with me, because the
king’s business required haste.’ 10And
the priest said: ‘The sword of Goliath
the Philistine, whom thou slewest in
the vale of Elah, behold, it is here
wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if
thou wilt take that, take it; for there is
no other save that here.’ And David
said: ‘There is none like that; give it
me.’
11And David arose, and fled that day
for fear of Saul, and went to Achish
the king of Gath. 12And the servants of
Achish said unto him: ‘Is not this
David the king of the land? Did they
not sing one to another of him in
dances, saying:
Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?’
13And David laid up these words in
his heart, and was sore afraid of
Achish the king of Gath. 14And he
changed his demeanour before them,
and feigned himself mad in their
hands, and scrabbled on the doors of
the gate, and let his spittle fall down
upon his beard. 15Then said Achish
unto his servants: ‘Lo, when ye see a
man that is mad, wherefore do ye
bring him to me? 16Do I lack madmen,
that ye have brought this fellow to play
the madman in my presence? shall this
fellow come into my house?’

22 David therefore departed
thence, and escaped to the
cave of Adullam; and when his
brethren and all his father’s house
heard it, they went down thither to
him. 2And every one that was in
distress, and every one that was in
debt, and every one that was
discontented, gathered themselves
unto him; and he became captain over
them; and there were with him about
four hundred men.
3And David went thence to Mizpeh
of Moab; and he said unto the king of
Moab: ‘Let my father and my mother,
I pray thee, come forth, and be with
you, till I know what God will do for
me.’ 4And he brought them before the
king of Moab; and they dwelt with him
all the while that David was in the
stronghold. 5And the prophet Gad said
unto David: ‘Abide not in the
stronghold; depart, and get thee into
the land of Judah.’ Then David
departed, and came into the forest of
Hereth.
6And Saul heard that David was
discovered, and the men that were with
him; now Saul was sitting in Gibeah,
under the tamarisk-tree in Ramah, with
his spear in his hand, and all his
servants were standing about him.
7And Saul said unto his servants that
stood about him: ‘Hear now, ye
Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give
every one of you fields and vineyards,
will he make you all captains of
thousands and captains of hundreds;
8that all of you have conspired against
me, and there was none that disclosed
it to me when my son made a league
with the son of Jesse, and there is none
of you that is sorry for me, or
discloseth unto me that my son hath

stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?' [9]Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said: 'I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. [10]And he inquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.'

[11]Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob; and they came all of them to the king. [12]And Saul said: 'Hear now, thou son of Ahitub.' And he answered: 'Here I am, my lord.' [13]And Saul said unto him: 'Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?' [14]Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said: 'And who among all thy servants is so trusted as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and giveth heed unto thy bidding, and is honourable in thy house? [15]Have I to-day begun to inquire of God for him? be it far from me; let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for thy servant knoweth nothing of all this, less or more.' [16]And the king said: 'Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.' [17]And the king said unto the guard that stood about him: 'Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me.' But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD. [18]And the king said to Doeg: 'Turn thou, and fall upon the priests.' And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and he slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. [19]And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen and asses and sheep, with the edge of the sword. [20]And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. [21]And Abiathar told David that Saul had slain the LORD'S priests. [22]And David said unto Abiathar: 'I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul; I have brought about the death of all the persons of thy father's house. [23]Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life; for with me thou shalt be in safeguard.'

23 And they told David, saying: 'Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors.' [2]Therefore David inquired of the LORD, saying: 'Shall I go and smite these Philistines?' And the LORD said unto David: 'Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.' [3]And David's men said unto him: 'Behold, we are afraid here in Judah;

how much more then if we go to
Keilah against the armies of the
Philistines?’ 4 Then David inquired of
the LORD yet again. And the LORD
answered him and said: ‘Arise, go
down to Keilah; for I will deliver the
Philistines into thy hand.’ 5 And David
and his men went to Keilah, and
fought with the Philistines, and
brought away their cattle, and slew
them with a great slaughter. So David
saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar
the son of Ahimelech fled to David to
Keilah, that he came down with an
ephod in his hand. 7 And it was told
Saul that David was come to Keilah.
And Saul said: ‘God hath delivered
him into my hand; for he is shut in, by
entering into a town that hath gates
and bars.’ 8 And Saul summoned all the
people to war, to go down to Keilah, to
besiege David and his men. 9 And
David knew that Saul devised mischief
against him; and he said to Abiathar
the priest: ‘Bring hither the ephod.’
10 Then said David: ‘O LORD, the God
of Israel, Thy servant hath surely heard
that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to
destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the
men of Keilah deliver me up into his
hand? will Saul come down, as Thy
servant hath heard?’ O LORD, the God
of Israel, I beseech Thee, tell Thy
servant.’ And the LORD said: ‘He will
come down.’ 12 Then said David: ‘Will
the men of Keilah deliver up me and
my men into the hand of Saul?’ And
the LORD said: ‘They will deliver thee
up.’ 13 Then David and his men, who
were about six hundred, arose and
departed out of Keilah, and went
whithersoever they could go. And it
was told Saul that David was escaped
from Keilah; and he forbore to go
forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness
in the strongholds, and remained in the
hill-country in the wilderness of Ziph.
And Saul sought him every day, but
God delivered him not into his hand.
15 And David saw that Saul was come
out to seek his life; and David was in
the wilderness of Ziph in the wood.
16 And Jonathan Saul’s son arose, and
went to David into the wood, and
strengthened his hand in God. 17 And
he said unto him: ‘Fear not; for the
hand of Saul my father shall not find
thee; and thou shalt be king over
Israel, and I shall be next unto thee;
and that also Saul my father knoweth.’
18 And they two made a covenant
before the LORD; and David abode in
the wood, and Jonathan went to his
house.

19 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul
to Gibeah, saying: ‘Doth not David
hide himself with us in the strongholds
in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah,
which is on the south of Jeshimon?
20 Now therefore, O king, come down,
according to all the desire of thy soul
to come down; and our part shall be to
deliver him up into the king’s hand.’
21 And Saul said: ‘Blessed be ye of the
LORD; for ye have had compassion on
me. 22 Go, I pray you, make yet more

sure, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there; for it is told me that he dealeth very subtly. [23]See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hideth himself, and come ye back to me with the certainty, and I will go with you; and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out among all the thousands of Judah.’ [24]And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul; but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of Jeshimon. [25]And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David; wherefore he came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. [26]And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. [27]But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying: ‘Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have made a raid upon the land.’ [28]So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines; therefore they called that place [a]Sela-hammahlekoth.

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[1]And David went up from thence, and dwelt in the strongholds of En-gedi.

[2]And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying: ‘Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi.’ [3]Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. [4]And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. [5]And the men of David said unto him: ‘Behold the day in which the LORD hath said unto thee: Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thy hand, and thou shalt do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.’ Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul’s robe privily. [6]And it came to pass afterward, that David’s heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul’s skirt. [7]And he said unto his men: ‘The LORD forbid it me, that I should do this thing unto my lord, the LORD’S anointed, to put forth my hand against him, seeing he is the LORD’S anointed.’ [8]So David checked his men with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

[9]David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying: ‘My lord the king.’ And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the earth, and prostrated himself. [10]And David said to Saul: ‘Wherefore hearkenest thou to

[a] That is, *The rock of divisions*.

men’s words, saying: Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? [11]Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee to-day into my hand in the cave; and some bade me kill thee; but mine eye spared thee; and I said: I will not put forth my hand against my lord; for he is the Lord’S anointed. [12]Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou layest wait for my soul to take it. [13]The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee; but my hand shall not be upon thee. [14]As saith the proverb of the ancients: Out of the wicked cometh forth wickedness; but my hand shall not be upon thee. [15]After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. [16]The Lord therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thy hand.’

[17]And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said: ‘Is this thy voice, my son David?’ And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. [18]And he said to David: ‘Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas I have rendered unto thee evil. [19]And thou hast declared this day how that thou hast dealt well with me; forasmuch as when the Lord had delivered me up into thy hand, thou didst not kill me. [20]For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the Lord reward thee good for that which thou hast done unto me this day. [21]And now, behold, I know that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thy hand. [22]Swear now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father’s house.’ [23]And David swore unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men got them up unto the stronghold.

25 And Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

[2]And there was a man in Maon, whose possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats; and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. [3]Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail; and the woman was of good understanding, and of a beautiful form; but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb. [4]And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. [5]And David sent ten young men, and David said unto

the young men: ‘Get you up to
Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet
him in my name; [6]and thus ye shall
say: All hail! and peace be both unto
thee, and peace be to thy house, and
peace be unto all that thou hast. [7]And
now I have heard that thou hast
shearers; thy shepherds have now been
with us, and we did them no hurt,
neither was there aught missing unto
them, all the while they were in
Carmel. [8]Ask thy young men, and they
will tell thee; wherefore let the young
men find favour in thine eyes; for we
come on a good day; give, I pray thee,
whatsoever cometh to thy hand, unto
thy servants, and to thy son David.’

[9]And when David’s young men
came, they spoke to Nabal according
to all those words in the name of
David, and ceased. [10]And Nabal
answered David’s servants, and said:
‘Who is David? and who is the son of
Jesse? there are many servants now-a-
days that break away every man from
his master; [11]shall I then take my
bread, and my water, and my flesh that
I have killed for my shearers, and give
it unto men of whom I know not
whence they are?’ [12]So David’s young
men turned on their way, and went
back, and came and told him according
to all these words. [13]And David said
unto his men: ‘Gird ye on every man
his sword.’ And they girded on every
man his sword; and David also girded
on his sword; and there went up after
David about four hundred men; and
two hundred abode by the baggage.

[14]But one of the young men told
Abigail, Nabal’s wife, saying:
‘Behold, David sent messengers out of
the wilderness to salute our master;
and he flew upon them. [15]But the men
were very good unto us, and we were
not hurt, neither missed we any thing,
as long as we went with them, when
we were in the fields; [16]they were a
wall unto us both by night and by day,
all the while we were with them
keeping the sheep. [17]Now therefore
know and consider what thou wilt do;
for evil is determined against our
master, and against all his house; for
he is such a base fellow, that one
cannot speak to him.’

[18]Then Abigail made haste, and took
two hundred loaves, and two bottles of
wine, and five sheep ready dressed,
and five measures of parched corn, and
a hundred clusters of raisins, and two
hundred cakes of figs, and laid them
on asses. [19]And she said unto her
young men: ‘Go on before me; behold,
I come after you.’ But she told not her
husband Nabal. [20]And it was so, as she
rode on her ass, and came down by the
covert of the mountain, that, behold,
David and his men came down
towards her; and she met them.—
[21]Now David had said: ‘Surely in vain
have I kept all that this fellow hath in
the wilderness, so that nothing was
missed of all that pertained unto him;
and he hath returned me evil for good.
[22]God do so unto the enemies of
David, and more also, if I leave of all
that pertain to him by the morning

light so much as one male.'— [23]And
when Abigail saw David, she made
haste, and alighted from her ass, and
fell before David on her face, and
bowed down to the ground. [24]And she
fell at his feet, and said: 'Upon me, my
lord, upon me be the iniquity; and let
thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak in
thine ears, and hear thou the words of
thy handmaid. [25]Let not my lord, I
pray thee, regard this base fellow, even
Nabal; for as his name is, so is he:
[a]Nabal is his name, and churlishness is
with him; but I thy handmaid saw not
the young men of my lord, whom thou
didst send. [26]Now therefore, my lord,
as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul
liveth, seeing the LORD hath
withholden thee from bloodguiltiness,
and from finding redress for thyself
with thine own hand, now therefore let
thine enemies, and them that seek evil
to my lord, be as Nabal. [27]And now
this present which thy servant hath
brought unto my lord, let it be given
unto the young men that follow my
lord. [28]Forgive, I pray thee, the
trespass of thy handmaid; for the LORD
will certainly make my lord a sure
house, because my lord fighteth the
battles of the LORD; and evil is not
found in thee all thy days. [29]And
though man be risen up to pursue thee,
and to seek thy soul, yet the soul of my
lord shall be bound in the bundle of
life with the LORD thy God; and the
souls of thine enemies, them shall he
sling out, as from the hollow of a
sling. [30]And it shall come to pass,
when the LORD shall have done to my
lord according to all the good that He
hath spoken concerning thee, and shall
have appointed thee prince over Israel;
[31]that this shall be no stumbling-block
unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my
lord, either that thou hast shed blood
without cause, or that my lord hath
found redress for himself. And when
the LORD shall have dealt well with my
lord, then remember thy handmaid.'

[32]And David said to [b]Abigail:
'Blessed be the LORD, the God of
Israel, who sent thee this day to meet
me; [33]and blessed be thy discretion,
and blessed be thou, that hast kept me
this day from bloodguiltiness, and
from finding redress for myself with
mine own hand. [34]For in very deed, as
the LORD, the God of Israel, liveth,
who hath withholden me from hurting
thee, except thou hadst made haste and
come to meet me, surely there had not
been left unto Nabal by the morning
light so much as one male.' [35]So David
received of her hand that which she
had brought him; and he said unto her:
'Go up in peace to thy house; see, I
have hearkened to thy voice, and have
accepted thy person.'

[36]And Abigail came to Nabal; and,
behold, he held a feast in his house,
like the feast of a king; and Nabal's
heart was merry within him, for he
was very drunken; wherefore she told

[a] That is, *Churl*.

[b] Heb. *Abigal*.

him nothing, less or more, until the
morning light. [37]And it came to pass in
the morning, when the wine was gone
out of Nabal, that his wife told him
these things, and his heart died within
him, and he became as a stone. [38]And
it came to pass about ten days after,
that the LORD smote Nabal, so that he
died.

[39]And when David heard that Nabal
was dead, he said: 'Blessed be the
LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of
my reproach from the hand of Nabal,
and hath kept back His servant from
evil; and the evil-doing of Nabal hath
the LORD returned upon his own head.'
And David sent and spoke concerning
Abigail, to take her to him to wife.
[40]And when the servants of David
were come to Abigail to Carmel, they
spoke unto her, saying: 'David hath
sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to
wife.' [41]And she arose, and bowed
down with her face to the earth, and
said: 'Behold, thy handmaid is a
servant to wash the feet of the servants
of my lord.' [42]And Abigail hastened,
and arose, and rode upon an ass, with
five damsels of hers that followed her;
and she went after the messengers of
David, and became his wife.

[43]David also took Ahinoam of
Jezreel; and they became both of them
his wives. [44]Now Saul had given
Michal his daughter, David's wife, to
Palti the son of Laish, who was of
Gallim.

26 And the Ziphites came unto
Saul to Gibeah, saying: 'Doth
not David hide himself in the hill of
Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?'
[2]Then Saul arose, and went down to
the wilderness of Ziph, having three
thousand chosen men of Israel with
him, to seek David in the wilderness of
Ziph. [3]And Saul pitched in the hill of
Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon,
by the way. But David abode in the
wilderness, and he saw that Saul came
after him into the wilderness. [4]David
therefore sent out spies, and
understood that Saul was come of a
certainty. [5]And David arose, and came
to the place where Saul had pitched;
and David beheld the place where Saul
lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the
captain of his host; and Saul lay within
the barricade, and the people pitched
round about him.

[6]Then answered David and said to
Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai
the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab,
saying: 'Who will go down with me to
Saul to the camp?' And Abishai said:
'I will go down with thee.' [7]So David
and Abishai came to the people by
night; and, behold, Saul lay sleeping
within the barricade, with his spear
stuck in the ground at his head; and
Abner and the people lay round about
him. [8]Then said Abishai to David:
'God hath delivered up thine enemy
into thy hand this day; now therefore
let me smite him, I pray thee, with the
spear to the earth at one stroke, and I
will not smite him the second time.'
[9]And David said to Abishai: 'Destroy
him not; for who can put forth his

hand against the LORD’S anointed, and be guiltless?’ [10]And David said: ‘As the LORD liveth, nay, but the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle, and be swept away. [11]The LORD forbid it me, that I should put forth my hand against the LORD’S anointed; but now take, I pray thee, the spear that is at his head, and the cruse of water and let us go.’ [12]So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul’s head; and they got them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any awake; for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

[13]Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being between them. [14]And David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying: ‘Answerest thou not, Abner?’ Then Abner answered and said: ‘Who art thou that criest to the king?’ [15]And David said to Abner: ‘Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept watch over thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. [16]This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the LORD liveth, ye deserve to die, because ye have not kept watch over your lord, the LORD’S anointed. And now, see, where the king’s spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head.’

[17]And Saul knew David’s voice, and said: ‘Is this thy voice, my son David?’ And David said: ‘It is my voice, my lord, O king.’ [18]And he said: ‘Wherefore doth my lord pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in my hand? [19]Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it be the LORD that hath stirred thee up against me, let Him accept an offering; but if it be the children of men, cursed be they before the LORD; for they have driven me out this day that I should not cleave unto the inheritance of the LORD, saying: Go, serve other gods. [20]Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the LORD; for the king of Israel is come out to seek a single flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.’

[21]Then said Saul: ‘I have sinned; return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my life was precious in thine eyes this day; behold, I have played the fool and erred exceedingly.’ [22]And David answered and said: ‘Behold the king’s spear! let then one of the young men come over and fetch it. [23]And the LORD will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; forasmuch as the LORD delivered thee into my hand to-day, and I would not put forth my hand against the LORD’S anointed. [24]And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the

eyes of the Lord, and let Him deliver
me out of all tribulation.’ 25Then Saul
said to David: ‘Blessed be thou, my
son David; thou shalt both do mightily,
and shalt surely prevail.’ So David
went his way, and Saul returned to his
place.

27 And David said in his heart: ‘I
shall now be swept away one
day by the hand of Saul; there is
nothing better for me than that I should
escape into the land of the Philistines;
and Saul will despair of me, to seek
me any more in all the borders of
Israel; so shall I escape out of his
hand.’ 2And David arose, and passed
over, he and the six hundred men that
were with him, unto Achish the son of
Maoch, king of Gath. 3And David
dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his
men, every man with his household,
even David with his two wives,
Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail
the Carmelitess, Nabal’s wife. 4And it
was told Saul that David was fled to
Gath; and he sought no more again for
him.

5And David said unto Achish: ‘If
now I have found favour in thine eyes,
let them give me a place in one of the
cities in the country, that I may dwell
there; for why should thy servant
dwell in the royal city with thee?’
6Then Achish gave him Ziklag that
day; wherefore Ziklag belongeth unto
the kings of Judah unto this day.

7And the number of the days that
David dwelt in the country of the
Philistines was a full year and four
months. 8And David and his men went
up, and made a raid upon the
Geshurites, and the Gizrites, and the
Amalekites; for those were the
inhabitants of the land, who were of
old, as thou goest to Shur, even unto
the land of Egypt. 9And David smote
the land, and left neither man nor
woman alive, and took away the
sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and
the camels, and the apparel. And he
returned, and came to Achish. 10And
Achish said: ‘Whither have ye made a
raid to-day?’ And David said: ‘Against
the South of Judah, and against the
South of the Jerahmeelites, and against
the South of the Kenites.’ 11And David
left neither man nor woman alive, to
bring them to Gath, saying: ‘Lest they
should tell on us, saying: So did
David, and so hath been his manner all
the while he hath dwelt in the country
of the Philistines.’ 12And Achish
believed David, saying: ‘He hath made
his people Israel utterly to abhor him;
therefore he shall be my servant for
ever.’

28 And it came to pass in those
days, that the Philistines
gathered their hosts together for
warfare, to fight with Israel. And
Achish said unto David: ‘Know thou
assuredly, that thou shalt go out with
me in the host, thou and thy men.’
2And David said to Achish: ‘Therefore
thou shalt know what thy servant will
do.’ And Achish said to David:
‘Therefore will I make thee keeper of
my head for ever.’

[3]Now Samuel was dead, and all
Israel had lamented him, and buried
him in Ramah, even in his own city.
And Saul had put away those that
divined by a ghost or a familiar spirit
out of the land. [4]And the Philistines
gathered themselves together, and
came and pitched in Shunem; and Saul
gathered all Israel together, and they
pitched in Gilboa. [5]And when Saul
saw the host of the Philistines, he was
afraid, and his heart trembled greatly.
[6]And when Saul inquired of the LORD,
the LORD answered him not, neither by
dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
[7]Then said Saul unto his servants:
‘Seek me a woman that divineth by a
ghost, that I may go to her, and inquire
of her.’ And his servants said to him:
‘Behold, there is a woman that
divineth by a ghost at En-dor.’

[8]And Saul disguised himself, and
put on other raiment, and went, he and
two men with him, and they came to
the woman by night; and he said:
‘Divine unto me, I pray thee, by a
ghost, and bring me up whomsoever I
shall name unto thee.’ [9]And the
woman said unto him: ‘Behold, thou
knowest what Saul hath done, how he
hath cut off those that divine by a
ghost or a familiar spirit out of the
land; wherefore then layest thou a
snare for my life, to cause me to die?’
[10]And Saul swore to her by the LORD,
saying: ‘As the LORD liveth, there shall
no punishment happen to thee for this
thing.’ [11]Then said the woman: ‘Whom
shall I bring up unto thee?’ And he
said: ‘Bring me up Samuel.’ [12]And
when the woman saw Samuel, she
cried with a loud voice; and the
woman spoke to Saul, saying: ‘Why
hast thou deceived me? for thou art
Saul.’ [13]And the king said unto her:
‘Be not afraid; for what seest thou?’
And the woman said unto Saul: ‘I see
a godlike being coming up out of the
earth.’ [14]And he said unto her: ‘What
form is he of?’ And she said: ‘An old
man cometh up; and he is covered with
a robe.’ And Saul perceived that it was
Samuel, and he bowed with his face to
the ground, and prostrated himself.

[15]And Samuel said to Saul: ‘Why
hast thou disquieted me, to bring me
up?’ And Saul answered: ‘I am sore
distressed; for the Philistines make war
against me, and God is departed from
me, and answereth me no more,
neither by prophets, nor by dreams;
therefore I have called thee, that thou
mayest make known unto me what I
shall do.’ [16]And Samuel said:
‘Wherefore then dost thou ask of me,
seeing the LORD is departed from thee,
and is become thine adversary? [17]And
the LORD hath wrought for Himself; as
He spoke by me; and the LORD hath
rent the kingdom out of thy hand, and
given it to thy neighbour, even to
David. [18]Because thou didst not
hearken to the voice of the LORD, and
didst not execute His fierce wrath
upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD
done this thing unto thee this day.
[19]Moreover the LORD will deliver Israel
also with thee into the hand of the

Philistines; and to-morrow shalt thou
and thy sons be with me; the LORD will
deliver the host of Israel also into the
hand of the Philistines.'

20Then Saul fell straightway his full
length upon the earth, and was sore
afraid, because of the words of
Samuel; and there was no strength in
him; for he had eaten no bread all the
day, nor all the night. 21And the
woman came unto Saul, and saw that
he was sore affrighted, and said unto
him: 'Behold, thy handmaid hath
hearkened unto thy voice, and I have
put my life in my hand, and have
hearkened unto thy words which thou
spokest unto me. 22Now therefore, I
pray thee, hearken thou also unto the
voice of thy handmaid, and let me set a
morsel of bread before thee; and eat,
that thou mayest have strength, when
thou goest on thy way.' 23But he
refused, and said: 'I will not eat.' But
his servants, together with the woman,
urged him; and he hearkened unto
their voice. So he arose from the earth,
and sat upon the bed. 24And the
woman had a fatted calf in the house;
and she made haste, and killed it; and
she took flour, and kneaded it, and did
bake unleavened bread thereof; 25and
she brought it before Saul, and before
his servants; and they did eat. Then
they rose up, and went away that night.

29 Now the Philistines gathered
together all their hosts to
Aphek; and the Israelites pitched by
the fountain which is in Jezreel. 2And
the lords of the Philistines passed on
by hundreds, and by thousands; and
David and his men passed on in the
rearward with Achish. 3Then said the
princes of the Philistines: 'What do
these Hebrews here?' And Achish said
unto the princes of the Philistines: 'Is
not this David, the servant of Saul the
king of Israel, who hath been with me
these days or these years, and I have
found no fault in him since he fell
away unto me unto this day?' 4But the
princes of the Philistines were wroth
with him; and the princes of the
Philistines said unto him: 'Make the
man return, that he may go back to his
place where thou hast appointed him,
and let him not go down with us to
battle, lest in the battle he become an
adversary to us; for wherewith should
this fellow reconcile himself unto his
lord? should it not be with the heads of
these men? 5Is not this David, of
whom they sang one to another in
dances, saying:

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?'

6Then Achish called David, and said
unto him: 'As the LORD liveth, thou
hast been upright, and thy going out
and thy coming in with me in the host
is good in my sight; for I have not
found evil in thee since the day of thy
coming unto me unto this day;
nevertheless the lords favour thee not.
7Wherefore now return, and go in
peace, that thou displease not the lords
of the Philistines.' 8And David said
unto Achish: 'But what have I done?
and what hast thou found in thy

servant so long as I have been before
thee unto this day, that I may not go
and fight against the enemies of my
lord the king?' 9 And Achish answered
and said to David: 'I know that thou
art good in my sight, as an angel of
God; notwithstanding the princes of
the Philistines have said: He shall not
go up with us to the battle.
10 Wherefore now rise up early in the
morning with the servants of thy lord
that are come with thee; and as soon as
ye are up early in the morning, and
have light, depart.' 11 So David rose up
early, he and his men, to depart in the
morning, to return into the land of the
Philistines. And the Philistines went
up to Jezreel.

30 And it came to pass, when
David and his men were come
to Ziklag on the third day, that the
Amalekites had made a raid upon the
South, and upon Ziklag, and had
smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;
2 and had taken captive the women and
all that were therein, both small and
great; they slew not any, but carried
them off, and went their way. 3 And
when David and his men came to the
city, behold, it was burned with fire;
and their wives, and their sons, and
their daughters, were taken captives.
4 Then David and the people that were
with him lifted up their voice and
wept, until they had no more power to
weep. 5 And David's two wives were
taken captives, Ahinoam the
Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of
Nabal the Carmelite. 6 And David was
greatly distressed; for the people spoke
of stoning him, because the soul of all
the people was grieved, every man for
his sons and for his daughters; but
David strengthened himself in the
LORD his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the
priest, the son of Ahimelech: 'I pray
thee, bring me hither the ephod.' And
Abiathar brought thither the ephod to
David. 8 And David inquired of the
LORD, saying: 'Shall I pursue after this
troop? shall I overtake them?' And He
answered him: 'Pursue; for thou shalt
surely overtake them, and shalt
without fail recover all.' 9 So David
went, he and the six hundred men that
were with him, and came to the brook
Besor, where those that were left
behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he
and four hundred men; for two
hundred stayed behind, who were so
faint that they could not go over the
brook Besor.

11 And they found an Egyptian in the
field, and brought him to David, and
gave him bread, and he did eat; and
they gave him water to drink; 12 and
they gave him a piece of a cake of figs,
and two clusters of raisins; and when
he had eaten, his spirit came back to
him; for he had eaten no bread, nor
drunk any water, three days and three
nights. 13 And David said unto him: 'To
whom belongest thou? and whence art
thou?' And he said: 'I am a young
Egyptian, servant to an Amalekite; and
my master left me, because three days
ago I fell sick. 14 We made a raid upon

the South of the Cherethites, and upon that which belongeth to Judah, and upon the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire.’ 15 And David said to him: ‘Wilt thou bring me down to this troop?’ And he said: ‘Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this troop.’

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and feasting, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day; and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, who rode upon camels and fled. 18 And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken; and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them; David brought back all. 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said: ‘This is David’s spoil.’

21 And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him; and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. 22 Then answered all the wicked men and base fellows, of those that went with David, and said: ‘Because they went not with us, we will not give them aught of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away, and depart.’ 23 Then said David: ‘Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the LORD hath given unto us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand. 24 And who will hearken unto you in this matter? for as is the share of him that goeth down to the battle, so shall be the share of him that tarrieth by the baggage; they shall share alike.’ 25 And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying: ‘Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD’; 27 to them that were in Beth-el, and to them that were in Ramoth of the South, and to them that were in Jattir; 28 and to them that were in Aroer, and to them that were in Siphmoth, and to them that were in Eshtemoa; 29 and to them that were in Racal, and to them that were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them that were in the cities of the Kenites; 30 and to them that were in Hormah, and to them that were in Bor-

ashan, and to them that were in Athach; [31]and to them that were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel, and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. [2]And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. [3]And the battle went sore against Saul, an the archers overtook him; and he was in great anguish by reason of the archers. [4]Then said Saul to his armour-bearer: ‘Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and make a mock of me.’ But his armour-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. [5]And when his armour-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died with him. [6]So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armour-bearer, and all his men, that same day together. [7]And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

[8]And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. [9]And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry the tidings unto the house of their idols, and to the people. [10]And they put his armour in the house of the Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. [11]And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul, [12]all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. [13]And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk-tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

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# SECOND SAMUEL

1 And it came to pass after the
death of Saul, when David was
returned from the slaughter of the
Amalekites, and David had abode two
days in Ziklag; 2it came even to pass
on the third day, that, behold, a man
came out of the camp from Saul with
his clothes rent, and earth upon his
head; and so it was, when he came to
David, that he fell to the earth, and
prostrated himself. 3And David said
unto him: 'From whence comest
thou?' And he said unto him: 'Out of
the camp of Israel am I escaped.' 4And
David said unto him: 'How went the
matter? I pray thee, tell me.' And he
answered: 'The people are fled from
the battle, and many of the people also
are fallen and dead; and Saul and
Jonathan his son are dead also.' 5And
David said unto the young man that
told him: 'How knowest thou that Saul
and Jonathan his son are dead?' 6And
the young man that told him said: 'As
I happened by chance upon mount
Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his
spear; and, lo, the chariots and the
horsemen pressed hard upon him.
7And when he looked behind him, he
saw me, and called unto me. And I
answered: Here am I. 8And he said
unto me: Who art thou? And I
answered him: I am an Amalekite.
9And he said unto me: Stand, I pray
thee, beside me, and slay me, for the
agony hath taken hold of me; because
my life is just yet in me. 10So I stood
beside him, and slew him, because I
was sure that he could not live after
that he was fallen; and I took the
crown that was upon his head, and the
bracelet that was on his arm, and have
brought them hither unto my lord.'

11Then David took hold on his
clothes, and rent them; and likewise all
the men that were with him. 12And
they wailed, and wept, and fasted until
even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his
son, and for the people of the LORD,
and for the house of Israel; because
they were fallen by the sword. 13And
David said unto the young man that
told him: 'Whence art thou?' And he
answered: 'I am the son of an
Amalekite stranger.' 14And David said
unto him: 'How wast thou not afraid to
put forth thy hand to destroy the
LORD'S anointed?' 15And David called
one of the young men, and said: 'Go
near, and fall upon him.' And he smote
him that he died. 16And David said
unto him: 'Thy blood be upon thy
head; for thy mouth hath testified
against thee, saying: I have slain the
LORD'S anointed.'

17And David lamented with this
lamentation over Saul and over
Jonathan his son, 18and said—To teach

the sons of Judah the bow. Behold, it is written in the book of Jashar:

19 Thy beauty, O Israel, upon thy high places is slain!
How are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
21 Ye mountains of Gilboa,
Let there be no dew nor rain upon you,
Neither fields of choice fruits;
For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away,
The shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.
22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan turned not back,
And the sword of Saul returned not empty.
23 Saul and Jonathan, the lovely and the pleasant
In their lives, even in their death they were not divided;
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.
24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights,
Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!

Jonathan upon thy high places is slain!
26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan;
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me;
Wonderful was thy love to me,
Passing the love of women.
27 How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!

2 And it came to pass after this, that
David inquired of the LORD,
saying: 'Shall I go up into any of the
cities of Judah?' And the LORD said
unto him: 'Go up.' And David said:
'Whither shall I go up?' And He said:
'Unto Hebron.'
2 So David went up
thither, and his two wives also,
Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail
the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.
3 And
his men that were with him did David
bring up, every man with his
household; and they dwelt in the cities
of Hebron.
4 And the men of Judah
came, and they there anointed David
king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying: 'The
men of Jabesh-gilead were they that
buried Saul.'
5 And David sent
messengers unto the men of Jabesh-
gilead, and said unto them: 'Blessed be
ye of the LORD, that ye have shown this
kindness unto your lord, even unto
Saul, and have buried him.
6 And now
the LORD show kindness and truth unto

you; and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. [7]Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be ye valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.'

[8]Now Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, had taken Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; [9]and he made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. [10]Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. [11]And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

[12]And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. [13]And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out; and they met together by the pool of Gibeon, and sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. [14]And Abner said to Joab: 'Let the young men, I pray thee, arise and play before us.' And Joab said: 'Let them arise.' [15]Then they arose and passed over by number: twelve for Benjamin, and for Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. [16]And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together; wherefore that place was called [a]Helkath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon. [17]And the battle was very sore that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David.

[18]And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel; and Asahel was as light of foot as one of the roes that are in the field. [19]And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. [20]Then Abner looked behind him, and said: 'Is it thou, Asahel?' And he answered: 'It is I.' [21]And Abner said to him: 'Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour.' But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. [22]And Abner said again to Asahel: 'Turn thee aside from following me; wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother?' [23]Howbeit he refused to turn aside; wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him in the groin, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place; and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.

[a] That is, *The field of the sharp knives*.

24But Joab and Abishai pursued after
Abner; and the sun went down when
they were come to the hill of Ammah,
that lieth before Giah by the way of
the wilderness of Gibeon. 25And the
children of Benjamin gathered
themselves together after Abner, and
became one band, and stood on the top
of a hill. 26Then Abner called to Joab,
and said: ‘Shall the sword devour for
ever? knowest thou not that it will be
bitterness in the end? how long shall it
be then, ere thou bid the people return
from following their brethren?’ 27And
Joab said: ‘As God liveth, if thou hadst
not spoken, surely then only after the
morning the people had gone away,
every one from following his brother.’
28So Joab blew the horn, and all the
people stood still, and pursued after
Israel no more, neither fought they any
more. 29And Abner and his men went
all that night through the Arabah; and
they passed over the Jordan, and went
through all Bithron, and came to
Mahanaim.

30And Joab returned from following
Abner; and when he had gathered all
the people together, there lacked of
David’s servants nineteen men and
Asahel. 31But the servants of David
had smitten of Benjamin, even of
Abner’s men—three hundred and
threescore men died. 32And they took
up Asahel, and buried him in the
sepulchre of his father, which was in
Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men
went all night, and the day broke upon
them at Hebron.

3 Now there was long war between
the house of Saul and the house of
David; and David waxed stronger and
stronger, but the house of Saul waxed
weaker and weaker.

2And unto David were sons born in
Hebron; and his first-born was
Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;
3and his second, Chileab, of Abigail
the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and
the third, Absalom the son of Maacah
the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;
4and the fourth, Adonijah the son of
Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the
son of Abital; 5and the sixth, Ithream,
of Eglah David’s wife. These were
born to David in Hebron.

6And it came to pass, while there
was war between the house of Saul
and the house of David, that Abner
showed himself strong in the house of
Saul. 7Now Saul had a concubine,
whose name was Rizpah, the daughter
of Aiah; and [Ish-bosheth] said to
Abner: ‘Wherefore hast thou gone in
unto my father’s concubine?’ 8Then
was Abner very wroth for the words of
Ish-bosheth, and said: ‘Am I a dog’s
head that belongeth to Judah? This day
do I show kindness unto the house of
Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to
his friends, and have not delivered thee
into the hand of David, and yet thou
chargest me this day with a fault
concerning this woman. 9God do so to
Abner, and more also, if, as the Lord
hath sworn to David, I do not even so
to him; 10to transfer the kingdom from
the house of Saul, and to set up the

throne of David over Israel and over
Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.’
11And he could not answer Abner
another word, because he feared him.

12And Abner sent messengers to
David straightway, saying: ‘Whose is
the land?’ saying also: ‘Make thy
league with me, and, behold, my hand
shall be with thee, to bring over all
Israel unto thee.’ 13And he said: ‘Well;
I will make a league with thee; but one
thing I require of thee, that is, thou
shalt not see my face, except thou first
bring Michal Saul’s daughter, when
thou comest to see my face.’ 14And
David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth
Saul’s son, saying: ‘Deliver me my
wife Michal, whom I betrothed to me
for a hundred foreskins of the
Philistines.’ 15And Ish-bosheth sent,
and took her from her husband, even
from Paltiel the son of Laish. 16And
her husband went with her, weeping as
he went, and followed her to Bahurim.
Then said Abner unto him: ‘Go,
return’; and he returned.

17And Abner had communication
with the elders of Israel, saying: ‘In
times past ye sought for David to be
king over you; 18now then do it; for the
LORD hath spoken of David, saying: By
the hand of My servant David I will
save My people Israel out of the hand
of the Philistines, and out of the hand
of all their enemies.’ 19And Abner also
spoke in the ears of Benjamin; and
Abner went also to speak in the ears of
David in Hebron all that seemed good
to Israel, and to the whole house of
Benjamin. 20So Abner came to David
to Hebron, and twenty men with him.
And David made Abner and the men
that were with him a feast. 21And
Abner said unto David: ‘I will arise
and go, and will gather all Israel unto
my lord the king, that they may make a
covenant with thee, and that thou
mayest reign over all that thy soul
desireth.’ And David sent Abner away;
and he went in peace.

22And, behold, the servants of David
and Joab came from a foray, and
brought in a great spoil with them; but
Abner was not with David in Hebron;
for he had sent him away, and he was
gone in peace. 23When Joab and all the
host that was with him were come,
they told Joab, saying: ‘Abner the son
of Ner came to the king, and he hath
sent him away, and he is gone in
peace.’ 24Then Joab came to the king,
and said: ‘What hast thou done?
behold, Abner came unto thee; why is
it that thou hast sent him away, and he
is quite gone? 25Thou knowest Abner
the son of Ner, that he came to deceive
thee, and to know thy going out and
thy coming in, and to know all that
thou doest.’ 26And when Joab was
come out from David, he sent
messengers after Abner, and they
brought him back from Bor-sirah; but
David knew it not.

27And when Abner was returned to
Hebron, Joab took him aside into the
midst of the gate to speak with him
quietly, and smote him there in the
groin, that he died, for the blood of

Asahel his brother. 28And afterward
when David heard it, he said: ‘I and
my kingdom are guiltless before the
Lord for ever from the blood of Abner
the son of Ner; 29let it fall upon the
head of Joab, and upon all his father’s
house; and let there not fail from the
house of Joab one that hath an issue, or
that is a leper, or that leaneth on a
staff, or that falleth by the sword, or
that lacketh bread.’ 30So Joab and
Abishai his brother slew Abner,
because he had killed their brother
Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31And David said to Joab, and to all
the people that were with him: ‘Rend
your clothes, and gird you with
sackcloth, and wail before Abner.’
And king David followed the bier.
32And they buried Abner in Hebron;
and the king lifted up his voice, and
wept at the grave of Abner; and all the
people wept. 33And the king lamented
for Abner, and said:

Should Abner die as a churl dieth
34Thy hands were not bound, nor thy
feet put into fetters;
As a man falleth before the children
of iniquity, so didst thou fall.

And all the people wept again over
him. 35And all the people came to
cause David to eat bread while it was
yet day; but David swore, saying:
‘God do so to me, and more also, if I
taste bread, or aught else, till the sun
be down.’ 36And all the people took
notice of it, and it pleased them;
whatsoever the king did, pleased all
the people. 37So all the people and all
Israel understood that day that it was
not of the king to slay Abner the son of
Ner. 38And the king said unto his
servants: ‘Know ye not that there is a
prince and a great man fallen this day
in Israel? 39And I am this day weak,
and just anointed king; and these men
the sons of Zeruiah are too hard for
me; the Lord reward the evildoer
according to his wickedness.’

4 And when Saul’s son heard that
Abner was dead in Hebron, his
hands became feeble, and all the
Israelites were affrighted. 2And Saul’s
son had two men that were captains of
bands; the name of the one was
Baanah, and the name of the other
Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the
Beerothite, of the children of
Benjamin; for Beeroth also is reckoned
to Benjamin; 3and the Beerothites fled
to Gittaim, and have been sojourners
there until this day.

4Now Jonathan, Saul’s son, had a
son that was lame of his feet. He was
five years old when the tidings came
of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel,
and his nurse took him up, and fled;
and it came to pass, as she made haste
to flee, that he fell, and became lame.
And his name was Mephibosheth.

5And the sons of Rimmon the
Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went,
and came about the heat of the day to
the house of Ish-bosheth, as he took
his rest at noon. 6And they came
thither into the midst of the house, as
though they would have fetched

wheat; and they smote him in the groin; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. [7]Now when they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bed-chamber, they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Arabah all night. [8]And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king: ‘Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, who sought thy life; and the Lord hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed.’ [2009]And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them: ‘As the Lord liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, [10]when one told me, saying: Behold, Saul is dead, and he was in his own eyes as though he brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, instead of giving a reward for his tidings. [11]How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed, shall I not now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth?’ [12]And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spoke, saying: ‘Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. [2]In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that didst lead out and bring in Israel; and the Lord said to thee: Thou shalt feed My people Israel, and thou shalt be prince over Israel.’ [3]So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David king over Israel.

[4]David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. [5]In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

[6]And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke unto David, saying: ‘Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither’; thinking: ‘David cannot come in hither.’ [7]Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David. [8]And David said on that day: ‘Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites, and getteth up to the gutter, and [taketh away] the lame and the blind, that are hated of David’s soul—.’ Wherefore they say: ‘There are the blind and the lame; he cannot come into the house.’ [9]And David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. [10]And David waxed greater and greater; for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

[11]And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and masons; and they built David a house. [12]And David perceived that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that He had exalted his kingdom for His people Israel’s sake.

[13]And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron; and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. [14]And these are the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon; [15]and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia; [16]and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet.

[17]And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. [18]Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. [19]And David inquired of the Lord, saying: ‘Shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt Thou deliver them into my hand?’ And the Lord said unto David: ‘Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into thy hand.’ [20]And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and he said: ‘The Lord hath broken mine enemies before me, like the breach of waters.’ Therefore the name of that place was called [a]Baal-perazim. [21]And they left their images there, and David and his men took them away.

[22]And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. [23]And when David inquired of the Lord, He said: ‘Thou shalt not go up; make a circuit behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees. [24]And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then is the Lord gone out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.’ [25]And David did so, as the Lord commanded him, and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gezer.

6 And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. [2]And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale-judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whereupon is called the Name, even the name of the Lord of hosts that sitteth upon the cherubim. [3]And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. [4]And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in the hill, with the ark of God, and Ahio went before the ark. [5]And David and all the house

[a] That is, *The possessor of breaches*.

of Israel played before the Lord with
all manner of instruments made of
cypress-wood, and with harps, and
with psalteries, and with timbrels, and
with sistra, and with cymbals.

[6]And when they came to the
threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah put
forth his hand to the ark of God, and
took hold of it; for the oxen stumbled.
[7]And the anger of the Lord was
kindled against Uzzah; and God smote
him there for his error; and there he
died by the ark of God. [8]And David
was displeased, because the Lord had
broken forth upon Uzzah; and that
place was called [a]Perez-uzzah, unto
this day [9]And David was afraid of the
Lord that day; and he said: ‘How shall
the ark of the Lord come unto me?’
[10]So David would not remove the ark
of the Lord unto him into the city of
David; but David carried it aside into
the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
[11]And the ark of the Lord remained in
the house of Obed-edom the Gittite
three months; and the Lord blessed
Obed-edom, and all his house.

[12]And it was told king David,
saying: ‘The Lord hath blessed the
house of Obed-edom, and all that
pertaineth unto him, because of the ark
of God.’ And David went and brought
up the ark of God from the house of
Obed-edom into the city of David with
joy. [13]And it was so, that when they
that bore the ark of the Lord had gone
six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a
fatling. [14]And David danced before the
Lord with all his might; and David
was girded with a linen ephod. [15]So
David and all the house of Israel
brought up the ark of the Lord with
shouting, and with the sound of the
horn.

[16]And it was so, as the ark of the
Lord came into the city of David, that
Michal the daughter of Saul looked out
at the window, and saw king David
leaping and dancing before the Lord;
and she despised him in her heart.
[17]And they brought in the ark of the
Lord, and set it in its place, in the
midst of the tent that David had
pitched for it; and David offered burnt-
offerings and peace-offerings before
the Lord. [18]And when David had made
an end of offering the burnt-offering
and the peace-offerings, he blessed the
people in the name of the Lord of
hosts. [19]And he dealt among all the
people, even among the whole
multitude of Israel, both to men and
women, to every one a cake of bread,
and a cake made in a pan, and a sweet
cake. So all the people departed every
one to his house.

[20]Then David returned to bless his
household. And Michal the daughter
of Saul came out to meet David, and
said: ‘How did the king of Israel get
him honour to-day, who uncovered
himself to-day in the eyes of the
handmaids of his servants, as one of
the vain fellows shamelessly
uncovereth himself! ’ [21]And David
said unto Michal: ‘Before the Lord,

[a] That is, *The breach of Uzzah*.

who chose me above thy father, and
above all his house, to appoint me
prince over the people of the LORD,
over Israel, before the LORD will I
make merry. 22 And I will be yet more
vile than thus, and will be base in mine
own sight; and with the handmaids
whom thou hast spoken of, with them
will I get me honour.’ 23 And Michal
the daughter of Saul had no child unto
the day of her death.

7 And it came to pass, when the
king dwelt in his house, and the
LORD had given him rest from all his
enemies round about, 2 that the king
said unto Nathan the prophet: ‘See
now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but
the ark of God dwelleth within
curtains.’ 3 And Nathan said to the
king: ‘Go, do all that is in thy heart;
for the LORD is with thee.’ 4 And it
came to pass the same night, that the
word of the LORD came unto Nathan,
saying: 5 ’Go and tell My servant
David: Thus saith the LORD: Shalt thou
build Me a house for Me to dwell in?
6 for I have not dwelt in a house since
the day that I brought up the children
of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day,
but have walked in a tent and in a
tabernacle. 7 In all places wherein I
have walked among all the children of
Israel, spoke I a word with any of the
tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to
feed My people Israel, saying: Why
have ye not built Me a house of cedar?
8 Now therefore thus shalt thou say
unto My servant David: Thus saith the
LORD of hosts: I took thee from the
sheepcote, from following the sheep,
that thou shouldest be prince over My
people, over Israel. 9 And I have been
with thee whithersoever thou didst go,
and have cut off all thine enemies from
before thee; and I will make thee a
great name, like unto the name of the
great ones that are in the earth. 10 And I
will appoint a place for My people
Israel, and will plant them, that they
may dwell in their own place, and be
disquieted no more; neither shall the
children of wickedness afflict them
any more, as at the first, 11 even from
the day that I commanded judges to be
over My people Israel; and I will cause
thee to rest from all thine enemies.
Moreover the LORD telleth thee that the
LORD will make thee a house. 12 When
thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt
sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy
seed after thee, that shall proceed out
of thy body, and I will establish his
kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for
My name, and I will establish the
throne of his kingdom for ever. 14 I will
be to him for a father, and he shall be
to Me for a son; if he commit iniquity,
I will chasten him with the rod of men,
and with the stripes of the children of
men; 15 but My mercy shall not depart
from him, as I took it from Saul,
whom I put away before thee. 16 And
thy house and thy kingdom shall be
made sure for ever before thee; thy
throne shall be established for ever.’
17 According to all these words, and
according to all this vision, so did
Nathan speak unto David.

18Then David the king went in, and
sat before the LORD; and he said: ‘Who
am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my
house, that Thou hast brought me thus
far? 19And this was yet a small thing in
Thine eyes, O Lord GOD; but Thou hast
spoken also of Thy servant’s house for
a great while to come; and this too
after the manner of great men, O Lord
GOD. 20And what can David say more
unto Thee? for Thou knowest Thy
servant, O Lord GOD. 21For Thy word’s
sake, and according to Thine own
heart, hast Thou wrought all this
greatness, to make Thy servant know
it. 22Therefore Thou art great, O LORD
God; for there is none like Thee,
neither is there any God beside Thee,
according to all that we have heard
with our ears. 23And who is like Thy
people, like Israel, a nation one in the
earth, whom God went to redeem unto
Himself for a people, and to make Him
a name, and to do for Thy land great
things and tremendous, even for you,
[in driving out] from before Thy
people, whom Thou didst redeem to
Thee out of Egypt, the nations and
their gods? 24And Thou didst establish
to Thyself Thy people Israel to be a
people unto Thee for ever; and Thou,
LORD, becamest their God. 25And now,
O LORD God, the word that Thou hast
spoken concerning Thy servant, and
concerning his house, confirm Thou it
for ever, and do as Thou hast spoken.
26And let Thy name be magnified for
ever, that it may be said: The LORD of
hosts is God over Israel; and the house
of Thy servant David shall be
established before Thee. 27For Thou, O
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, hast
revealed to Thy servant, saying: I will
build thee a house; therefore hath Thy
servant taken heart to pray this prayer
unto Thee. 28And now, O Lord GOD,
Thou alone art God, and Thy words
are truth, and Thou hast promised this
good thing unto Thy servant; 29now
therefore let it please Thee to bless the
house of Thy servant, that it may
continue for ever before Thee; for
Thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it; and
through Thy blessing let the house of
Thy servant be blessed for ever.’

8 And after this it came to pass, that
David smote the Philistines, and
subdued them; and David took
Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the
Philistines.

2And he smote Moab, and measured
them with the line, making them to lie
down on the ground; and he measured
two lines to put to death, and one full
line to keep alive. And the Moabites
became servants to David, and brought
presents. 3David smote also Hadadezer
the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he
went to establish his dominion at the
river Euphrates. 4And David took from
him a thousand and seven hundred
horsemen, and twenty thousand
footmen; and David houghed all the
chariot horses, but reserved of them
for a hundred chariots. 5And when the
Arameans of Damascus came to
succour Hadadezer king of Zobah,
David smote of the Arameans two and

twenty thousand men. 6Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David, and brought presents. And the Lord gave victory to David whithersoever he went. 7And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8And from Betah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass.

9And when Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, 10then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him—because he had fought against Hadadezer and smitten him; for Hadadezer had wars with Toi—and he brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass. 11These also did king David dedicate unto the Lord, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued: 12of Aram, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. 13And David got him a name when he returned from smiting the Arameans in the Valley of Salt, even eighteen thousand men. 14And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the Lord gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

15And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. 16And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; 17and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Seraiah was scribe; 18and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

9 And David said: 'Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?' 2Now there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him unto David; and the king said unto him: 'Art thou Ziba?' And he said: 'Thy servant is he.' 3And the king said: 'Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him?' And Ziba said unto the king: 'Jonathan hath yet a son, who is lame on his feet.' 4And the king said unto him: 'Where is he?' And Ziba said unto the king: 'Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.' 5Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, and fell on his face, and prostrated himself. And David said: 'Mephibosheth! ' And he answered: 'Behold thy servant! ' 7And David said unto him: 'Fear not; for I

will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father’s sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.’ 8 And he bowed down, and said: ‘What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?’

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said unto him: ‘All that pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given unto thy master’s son. 10 And thou shalt till the land for him, thou, and thy sons, and thy servants; and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master’s son may have bread to eat; but Mephibosheth thy master’s son shall eat bread continually at my table.’ Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Ziba unto the king: ‘According to all that my lord the king commandeth his servant, so shall thy servant do; but Mephibosheth eateth at my table as one of the king’s sons.’ 12 Now Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 But Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem; for he did eat continually at the king’s table; and he was lame on both his feet.

**10** And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said: ‘I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father showed kindness unto me.’ So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord: ‘Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David sent his servants unto thee to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?’ 4 So Hanun took David’s servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said: ‘Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.’

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they were become odious to David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Arameans of Beth-rehob, and the Arameans of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate; and the Arameans of Zobah, and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field.

9 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of

Israel, and put them in array against
the Arameans; [10]and the rest of the
people he committed into the hand of
[a]Abishai his brother, and he put them
in array against the children of
Ammon. [11]And he said: ‘If the
Arameans be too strong for me, then
thou shalt help me, but if the children
of Ammon be too strong for thee, then
I will come and help thee. [12]Be of
good courage, and let us prove strong
for our people, and for the cities of our
God; and the LORD do that which
seemeth Him good.’ [13]So Joab and the
people that were with him drew nigh
unto the battle against the Arameans;
and they fled before him. [14]And when
the children of Ammon saw that the
Arameans were fled, they likewise fled
before Abishai, and entered into the
city. Then Joab returned from the
children of Ammon, and came to
Jerusalem.

[15]And when the Arameans saw that
they were put to the worse before
Israel, they gathered themselves
together. [16]And Hadadezer sent, and
brought out the Arameans that were
beyond the River; and they came to
Helam, with Shobach the captain of
the host of Hadadezer at their head.
[17]And it was told David; and he
gathered all Israel together, and passed
over the Jordan, and came to Helam.
And the Arameans set themselves in
array against David, and fought with
him. [18]And the Arameans fled before
Israel; and David slew of the
Arameans seven hundred drivers of
chariots, and forty thousand horsemen,
and smote Shobach the captain of their
host, so that he died there. [19]And when
all the kings that were servants to
Hadadezer saw that they were put to
the worse before Israel, they made
peace with Israel, and served them. So
the Arameans feared to help the
children of Ammon any more.

11 And it came to pass, at the
return of the year, at the time
when kings go out to battle, that David
sent Joab, and his servants with him,
and all Israel; and they destroyed the
children of Ammon, and besieged
Rabbah. But David tarried at
Jerusalem.

[2]And it came to pass at eventide,
that David arose from off his bed, and
walked upon the roof of the king’s
house; and from the roof he saw a
woman bathing; and the woman was
very beautiful to look upon. [3]And
David sent and inquired after the
woman. And one said: ‘Is not this
Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the
wife of Uriah the Hittite?’ [4]And David
sent messengers, and took her; and she
came in unto him, and he lay with her;
for she was purified from her
uncleanness; and she returned unto her
house. [5]And the woman conceived;
and she sent and told David, and said:
‘I am with child.’

[6]And David sent to Joab [, saying]:
‘Send me Uriah the Hittite.’ And Joab
sent Uriah to David. [7]And when Uriah

[a] Heb. *Abshai.*

was come unto him, David asked of him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 8And David said to Uriah: ‘Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet.’ And Uriah departed out of the king’s house, and there followed him a mess of food from the king. 9But Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. 10And when they had told David, saying: ‘Uriah went not down unto his house’, David said unto Uriah: ‘Art thou not come from a journey? wherefore didst thou not go down unto thy house?’ 11And Uriah said unto David: ‘The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in booths; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open field; shall I then go into my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing.’ 12And David said to Uriah: ‘Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart.’ So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow. 13And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk; and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his house.

14And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15And he wrote in the letter, saying: ‘Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.’ 16And it came to pass, when Joab kept watch upon the city, that he assigned Uriah unto the place where he knew that valiant men were. 17And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab; and there fell some of the people, even of the servants of David; and Uriah the Hittite died also. 18Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; 19and he charged the messenger, saying: ‘When thou hast made an end of telling all the things concerning the war unto the king, 20it shall be that, if the king’s wrath arise, and he say unto thee: Wherefore went ye so nigh unto the city to fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? 21who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from the wall, that he died at Thebez? why went ye so nigh the wall? then shalt thou say: Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’

22So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent him for. 23And the messenger said unto David: ‘The men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entrance of the gate. 24And the shooters shot at thy servants from off the wall; and some of the king’s servants are dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’ 25Then David said unto the messenger: ‘Thus shalt thou say unto Joab: Let not this

thing displease thee, for the sword
devoureth in one manner or another;
make thy battle more strong against
the city, and overthrow it; and
encourage thou him.'
26 And when the wife of Uriah heard
that Uriah her husband was dead, she
made lamentation for her husband.
27 And when the mourning was past,
David sent and took her home to his
house, and she became his wife, and
bore him a son. But the thing that
David had done displeased the Lord.

12 And the Lord sent Nathan
unto David. And he came unto
him, and said unto him: 'There were
two men in one city: the one rich, and
the other poor. 2 The rich man had
exceeding many flocks and herds; 3 but
the poor man had nothing save one
little ewe lamb, which he had bought
and reared; and it grew up together
with him, and with his children; it did
eat of his own morsel, and drank of his
own cup, and lay in his bosom, and
was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there
came a traveller unto the rich man, and
he spared to take of his own flock and
of his own herd, to dress for the
wayfaring man that was come unto
him, but took the poor man's lamb,
and dressed it for the man that was
come to him.' 5 And David's anger was
greatly kindled against the man; and
he said to Nathan: 'As the Lord liveth,
the man that hath done this deserveth
to die; 6 and he shall restore the lamb
fourfold, because he did this thing, and
because he had no pity.'
7 And Nathan said to David: 'Thou
art the man. Thus saith the Lord, the
God of Israel: I anointed thee king
over Israel, and I delivered thee out of
the hand of Saul; 8 and I gave thee thy
master's house, and thy master's wives
into thy bosom, and gave thee the
house of Israel and of Judah; and if
that were too little, then would I add
unto thee so much more. 9 Wherefore
hast thou despised the word of the
Lord, to do that which is evil in My
sight? Uriah the Hittite thou hast
smitten with the sword, and his wife
thou hast taken to be thy wife, and him
thou hast slain with the sword of the
children of Ammon. 10 Now therefore,
the sword shall never depart from thy
house; because thou hast despised Me,
and hast taken the wife of Uriah the
Hittite to be thy wife. 11 Thus saith the
Lord: Behold, I will raise up evil
against thee out of thine own house,
and I will take thy wives before thine
eyes, and give them unto thy
neighbour, and he shall lie with thy
wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For
thou didst it secretly; but I will do this
thing before all Israel, and before the
sun.' 13 And David said unto Nathan: 'I
have sinned against the Lord.' And
Nathan said unto David: 'The Lord
also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt
not die. 14 Howbeit, because by this
deed thou hast greatly blasphemed the
enemies of the Lord, the child also that
is born unto thee shall surely die.'
15 And Nathan departed unto his house.

And the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore unto David, and it was very sick. [16]David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and as often as he went in, he lay all night upon the earth. [17]And the elders of his house arose, and stood beside him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. [18]And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead; for they said: ‘Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice; how then shall we tell him that the child is dead, so that he do himself some harm?’ [19]But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said unto his servants: ‘Is the child dead?’ And they said: ‘He is dead.’ [20]Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped; then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. [21]Then said his servants unto him: ‘What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread.’ [22]And he said: ‘While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; for I said: Who knoweth whether the LORD will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? [23]But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.’

[24]And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her; and she bore a son, and called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him; [25]and He sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name [a]Jedidiah, for the LORD’S sake.

[26]Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. [27]And Joab sent messengers to David, and said: ‘I have fought against Rabbah, yea, I have taken the city of waters. [28]Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called after my name.’ [29]And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. [30]And he took the crown of Malcam from off his head; and the weight thereof was a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David’s head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much. [31]And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brickkiln; and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. And

[a] That is, *Beloved of the LORD.*

David and all the people returned unto
Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass after this,
that Absalom the son of David
had a fair sister, whose name was
Tamar; and Amnon the son of David
loved her. 2 And Amnon was so
distressed that he fell sick because of
his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin;
and it seemed hard to Amnon to do
any thing unto her. 3 But Amnon had a
friend, whose name was Jonadab, the
son of Shimeah David's brother; and
Jonadab was a very subtle man. 4 And
he said unto him: 'Why, O son of the
king, art thou thus becoming leaner
from day to day? wilt thou not tell
me?' And Amnon said unto him: 'I
love Tamar, my brother Absalom's
sister.' 5 And Jonadab said unto him:
'Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign
thyself sick; and when thy father
cometh to see thee, say unto him: Let
my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and
give me bread to eat, and dress the
food in my sight, that I may see it, and
eat it at her hand.' 6 So Amnon lay
down, and feigned himself sick; and
when the king was come to see him,
Amnon said unto the king: 'Let my
sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and
make me a couple of cakes in my
sight, that I may eat at her hand.'

7 Then David sent home to Tamar,
saying: 'Go now to thy brother
Amnon's house, and dress him food.'
8 So Tamar went to her brother
Amnon's house; and he was lying
down. And she took dough, and
kneaded it, and made cakes in his
sight, and did bake the cakes. 9 And she
took the pan, and poured them out
before him; but he refused to eat. And
Amnon said: 'Have out all men from
me.' And they went out every man
from him. 10 And Amnon said unto
Tamar: 'Bring the food into the
chamber, that I may eat of thy hand.'
And Tamar took the cakes which she
had made, and brought them into the
chamber to Amnon her brother. 11 And
when she had brought them near unto
him to eat, he took hold of her, and
said unto her: 'Come lie with me, my
sister.' 12 And she answered him: 'Nay,
my brother, do not force me; for no
such thing ought to be done in Israel;
do not thou this wanton deed. 13 And I,
whither shall I carry my shame? and as
for thee, thou wilt be as one of the
base men in Israel. Now therefore, I
pray thee, speak unto the king; for he
will not withhold me from thee.'
14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto
her voice; but being stronger than she,
he forced her, and lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her with
exceeding great hatred; for the hatred
wherewith he hated her was greater
than the love wherewith he had loved
her. And Amnon said unto her: 'Arise,
be gone.' 16 And she said unto him:
'Not so, because this great wrong in
putting me forth is worse than the
other that thou didst unto me.' But he
would not hearken unto her. 17 Then he
called his servant that ministered unto
him, and said: 'Put now this woman

out from me, and bolt the door after
her.'—[18]Now she had a garment of
many colours upon her; for with such
robes were the king's daughters that
were virgins apparelled.—And his
servant brought her out, and bolted the
door after her. [19]And Tamar put ashes
on her head, and rent her garment of
many colours that was on her; and she
laid her hand on her head, and went
her way, crying aloud as she went.

[20]And Absalom her brother said
unto her: 'Hath [a]Amnon thy brother
been with thee? but now hold thy
peace, my sister: he is thy brother; take
not this thing to heart.' So Tamar
remained desolate in her brother,
Absalom's house. [21]But when king
David heard of all these things, he was
very wroth. [22]And Absalom spoke unto
Amnon neither good nor bad; for
Absalom hated Amnon, because he
had forced his sister Tamar.

[23]And it came to pass after two full
years, that Absalom had sheep-
shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside
Ephraim; and Absalom invited all the
king's sons. [24]And Absalom came to
the king, and said: 'Behold now, thy
servant hath sheep-shearers; let the
king, I pray thee, and his servants go
with thy servant.' [25]And the king said
to Absalom: 'Nay, my son, let us not
all go, lest we be burdensome unto
thee.' And he pressed him; howbeit he
would not go, but blessed him. [26]Then
said Absalom: 'If not, I pray thee, let
my brother Amnon go with us.' And
the king said unto him: 'Why should
he go with thee?' [27]But Absalom
pressed him, and he let Amnon and all
the king's sons go with him. [28]And
Absalom commanded his servants,
saying: 'Mark ye now, when Amnon's
heart is merry with wine; and when I
say unto you: Smite Amnon, then kill
him, fear not; have not I commanded
you? be courageous, and be valiant.'
[29]And the servants of Absalom did
unto Amnon as Absalom had
commanded. Then all the king's sons
arose, and every man got him up upon
his mule, and fled.

[30]And it came to pass, while they
were in the way, that the tidings came
to David, saying: 'Absalom hath slain
all the king's sons, and there is not one
of them left.' [31]Then the king arose,
and rent his garments, and lay on the
earth; and all his servants stood by
with their clothes rent. [32]And Jonadab,
the son of Shimeah David's brother,
answered and said: 'Let not my lord
suppose that they have killed all the
young men the king's sons; for Amnon
only is dead; for by the appointment of
Absalom this hath been determined
from the day that he forced his sister
Tamar. [33]Now therefore let not my
lord the king take the thing to his
heart, to think that all the king's sons
are dead; for Amnon only is dead.'

[34]But Absalom fled. And the young
man that kept the watch lifted up his
eyes, and looked, and, behold, there
came much people in a roundabout

[a] Heb. *Aminon*.

way by the hill-side. 35And Jonadab
said unto the king: ‘Behold, the king’s
sons are come; as thy servant said, so
it is.’ 36And it came to pass, as soon as
he had made an end of speaking, that,
behold, the king’s sons came, and
lifted up their voice, and wept; and the
king also and all his servants wept
very sore.

37But Absalom fled, and went to
Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of
Geshur. And [David] mourned for his
son every day.

38So Absalom fled, and went to
Geshur, and was there three years.
39And the soul of king David failed
with longing for Absalom; for he was
comforted concerning Amnon, seeing
he was dead.

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah
perceived that the king’s heart
was toward Absalom. 2And Joab sent
to Tekoa, and fetched thence a wise
woman, and said unto her: ‘I pray thee,
feign thyself to be a mourner, and put
on mourning apparel, I pray thee, and
anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a
woman that had a long time mourned
for the dead; 3and go in to the king,
and speak on this manner unto him.’
So Joab put the words in her mouth.

4And when the woman of Tekoa
spoke to the king, she fell on her face
to the ground, and prostrated herself,
and said: ‘Help, O king.’ 5And the
king said unto her: ‘What aileth thee?’
And she answered: ‘Of a truth I am a
widow, my husband being dead. 6And
thy handmaid had two sons, and they
two strove together in the field, and
there was none to part them, but the
one smote the other, and killed him.
7And, behold, the whole family is risen
against thy handmaid, and they said:
Deliver him that smote his brother,
that we may kill him for the life of his
brother whom he slew, and so destroy
the heir also. Thus will they quench
my coal which is left, and will leave to
my husband neither name nor
remainder upon the face of the earth.’

8And the king said unto the woman:
‘Go to thy house, and I will give
charge concerning thee.’ 9And the
woman of Tekoa said unto the king:
‘My lord, O king, the iniquity be on
me, and on my father’s house; and the
king and his throne be guiltless.’ 10And
the king said: ‘Whosoever saith aught
unto thee, bring him to me, and he
shall not touch thee any more.’ 11Then
said she: ‘I pray thee, let the king
remember the Lord thy God, that the
avenger of blood destroy not any
more, lest they destroy my son.’ And
he said: ‘As the Lord liveth, there shall
not one hair of thy son fall to the
earth.’

12Then the woman said: ‘Let thy
handmaid, I pray thee, speak a word
unto my lord the king.’ And he said:
‘Say on.’ 13And the woman said:
‘Wherefore then hast thou devised
such a thing against the people of
God? for in speaking this word the
king is as one that is guilty, in that the
king doth not fetch home again his
banished one. 14For we must needs die,

and are as water spilt on the ground,
which cannot be gathered up again;
neither doth God respect any person;
but let him devise means, that he that
is banished be not an outcast from
him. 15 Now therefore seeing that I am
come to speak this word unto my lord
the king, it is because the people have
made me afraid; and thy handmaid
said: I will now speak unto the king; it
may be that the king will perform the
request of his servant. 16 For the king
will hear, to deliver his servant out of
the hand of the man that would destroy
me and my son together out of the
inheritance of God. 17 Then thy
handmaid said: Let, I pray thee, the
word of my lord the king be for my
comfort; for as an angel of God, so is
my lord the king to discern good and
bad; and the Lord thy God be with
thee.'

18 Then the king answered and said
unto the woman: 'Hide not from me, I
pray thee, aught that I shall ask thee.'
And the woman said: 'Let my lord the
king now speak.' 19 And the king said:
'Is the hand of Joab with thee in all
this?' And the woman answered and
said: 'As thy soul liveth, my lord the
king, none can turn to the right hand or
to the left from aught that my lord the
king hath spoken; for thy servant Joab,
he bade me, and he put all these words
in the mouth of thy handmaid; 20 to
change the face of the matter hath thy
servant Joab done this thing; and my
lord is wise, according to the wisdom
of an angel of God, to know all things
that are in the earth.'

21 And the king said unto Joab:
'Behold now, I have granted this
request; go therefore, bring the young
man Absalom back.' 22 And Joab fell to
the ground on his face, and prostrated
himself, and blessed the king; and Joab
said: 'To-day thy servant knoweth that
I have found favour in thy sight, my
lord, O king, in that the king hath
performed the request of thy servant.'
23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur,
and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.
24 And the king said: 'Let him turn to
his own house, but let him not see my
face.' So Absalom turned to his own
house, and saw not the king's face.

25 Now in all Israel there was none to
be so much praised as Absalom for his
beauty; from the sole of his foot even
to the crown of his head there was no
blemish in him. 26 And when he polled
his head—now it was at every year's
end that he polled it; because the hair
was heavy on him, therefore he polled
it—he weighed the hair of his head at
two hundred shekels, after the king's
weight. 27 And unto Absalom there
were born three sons, and one
daughter, whose name was Tamar; she
was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 And Absalom dwelt two full years
in Jerusalem; and he saw not the kings
face. 29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to
send him to the king; but he would not
come to him; and he sent again a
second time, but he would not come.
30 Therefore he said unto his servants:

‘See, Joab’s field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire.’ And Absalom’s servants set the field on fire. 31Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him: ‘Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire?’ 32And Absalom answered Joab: ‘Behold, I sent unto thee, saying: Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say: Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it were better for me to be there still; now therefore let me see the king’s face; and if there be iniquity in me, let him kill me.’ 33So Joab came to the king, and told him; and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Absalom.

15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2And Absalom used to rise up early, and stand beside the way of the gate; and it was so, that when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said: ‘Of what city art thou?’ And he said: ‘Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel.’ 3And Absalom said unto him: ‘See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.’ 4Absalom said moreover: ‘Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man who hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! ’ 5And it was so, that when any man came nigh to prostrate himself before him, he put forth his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him. 6And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7And it came to pass at the end of forty years, that Absalom said unto the king: ‘I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. 8For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Aram, saying: If the LORD shall indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD.’ 9And the king said unto him: ‘Go in peace.’ So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying: ‘As soon as ye hear the sound of the horn, then ye shall say: Absalom is king in Hebron.’ 11And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they knew not any thing. 12And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13And there came a messenger to David, saying: ‘The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.’ 14And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem: ‘Arise, and let us flee; for else none of us shall

escape from Absalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.’ 15And the king’s servants said unto the king: ‘Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall choose.’ 16And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, that were concubines, to keep the house. 17And the king went forth, and all the people after him; and they tarried in Beth-merhak. 18And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men that came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite: ‘Wherefore goest thou also with us? return, and abide with the king; for thou art a foreigner, and also an exile from thine own place. 20Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us, seeing I go whither I may? return thou, and take back thy brethren with thee in kindness and truth.’ 21And Ittai answered the king, and said: ‘As the Lord liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy servant be.’ 22And David said to Ittai: ‘Go and pass over.’ And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. 23And all the country wept with a loud voice, as all the people passed over; and as the king passed over the brook Kidron, all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24And, lo, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God—but Abiathar went up—until all the people had done passing out of the city. 25And the king said unto Zadok: ‘Carry back the ark of God into the city; if I shall find favour in the eyes of the Lord, He will bring me back, and show me both it, and His habitation; 26but if He say thus: I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let Him do to me as seemeth good unto Him.’ 27The king said also unto Zadok the priest: ‘Seest thou? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28See, I will tarry in the plains of the wilderness, until there come word from you to announce unto me.’ 29Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem; and they abode there.

30And David went up by the ascent of the mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot; and all the people that were with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. 31And one told David, saying: ‘Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.’ And David said: ‘O Lord, I pray Thee, turn

the counsel of Ahithophel into
foolishness.’ 32 And it came to pass,
that when David was come to the top
of the ascent, where God was wont to
be worshipped, behold, Hushai the
Archite came to meet him with his
coat rent, and earth upon his head.
33 And David said unto him: ‘If thou
passest on with me, then thou wilt be a
burden unto Me; 34 but if thou return to
the city, and say unto Absalom: I will
be thy servant, O king; as I have been
thy father’s servant in time past, so
will I now be thy servant; then wilt
thou defeat for me the counsel of
Ahithophel. 35 And hast thou not there
with thee Zadok and Abiathar the
priests? therefore it shall be, that what
thing soever thou shalt hear out of the
king’s house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok
and Abiathar the priests. 36 Behold,
they have there with them their two
sons, Ahimaaz Zadok’s son, and
Jonathan Abiathar’s son; and by them
ye shall send unto me every thing that
ye shall hear.’ 37 So Hushai David’s
friend came into the city; and Absalom
was at the point of coming into
Jerusalem.

16 And when David was a little
past the top, behold, Ziba the
servant of Mephibosheth met him,
with a couple of asses saddled, and
upon them two hundred loaves of
bread, and a hundred clusters of
raisins, and a hundred of summer
fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2 And the
king said unto Ziba: ‘What meanest
thou by these?’ And Ziba said: ‘The
asses are for the king’s household to
ride on; and the bread and summer
fruit for the young men to eat; and the
wine, that such as are faint in the
wilderness may drink.’ 3 And the king
said: ‘And where is thy master’s son?’
And Ziba said unto the king: ‘Behold,
he abideth at Jerusalem; for he said:
To-day will the house of Israel restore
me the kingdom of my father.’ 4 Then
said the king to Ziba: ‘Behold, thine is
all that pertaineth unto Mephibosheth.’
And Ziba said: ‘I prostrate myself; let
me find favour in thy sight, my lord, O
king.’

5 And when king David came to
Bahurim, behold, there came out
thence a man of the family of the
house of Saul, whose name was
Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out,
and kept on cursing as he came. 6 And
he cast stones at David, and at all the
servants of king David; and all the
people and all the mighty men were on
his right hand and on his left. 7 And
thus said Shimei when he cursed:
‘Begone, begone, thou man of blood,
and base fellow; 8 the LORD hath
returned upon thee all the blood of the
house of Saul, in whose stead thou
hast reigned; and the LORD hath
delivered the kingdom into the hand of
Absalom thy son; and, behold, thou art
taken in thine own mischief, because
thou art a man of blood.’

9 Then said Abishai the son of
Zeruiah unto the king: ‘Why should
this dead dog curse my lord the king?
let me go over, I pray thee, and take

off his head.' [10]And the king said: 'What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him: Curse David; who then shall say: Wherefore hast thou done so?' [11]And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants: 'Behold, my son, who came forth of my body, seeketh my life; how much more this Benjamite now? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. [12]It may be that the LORD will look on mine eye, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing of me this day.' [13]So David and his men went by the way; and Shimei went along on the hill-side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. [14]And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary; and he refreshed himself there.

[15]And Absalom, and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. [16]And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom: 'Long live the king, long live the king.' [17]And Absalom said to Hushai: 'Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend?' [18]And Hushai said unto Absalom: 'Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I abide. [19]And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.'

[20]Then said Absalom to Ahithophel: 'Give your counsel what we shall do.' [21]And Ahithophel said unto Absalom: 'Go in unto thy father's concubines, that he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that thou art abhorred of thy father; then will the hands of all that are with thee be strong.' [22]So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.— [23]Now the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man inquired of the word of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom: 'Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night; [2]and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid; and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only; [3]and I will bring back all the people unto thee; when all shall have returned, [save] the man whom thou seekest, all the people will be in peace.' [4]And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

[5]Then said Absalom: 'Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith.' [6]And when Hushai was come to Absalom,

Absalom spoke unto him, saying: ‘Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner; shall we do after his saying? if not, speak thou.’ [7]And Hushai said unto Absalom: ‘The counsel that Ahithophel hath given this time is not good.’ [8]Hushai said moreover: ‘Thou knowest thy father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are embittered in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. [9]Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some place; and it will come to pass, when they fall upon them at the first, and whosoever heareth it shall say: There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom; [10]then even he that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they that are with him are valiant men. [11]But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. [12]So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground; and of him and of all the men that are with him we will not leave so much as one. [13]Moreover, if he withdraw himself into a city, then shall all Israel bring up ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the valley until there be not one small stone found there.’ [14]And Absalom and all the men of Israel said: ‘The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.’—For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

[15]Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests: ‘Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. [16]Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying: Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but in any wise pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.’ [17]Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; and a maid-servant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David; for they might not be seen to come into the city. [18]But a lad saw them, and told Absalom; and they went both of them away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down thither. [19]And the woman took and spread the covering over the well’s mouth, and strewed groats thereon; and nothing was known. [20]And Absalom’s servants came to the woman to the house; and they said: ‘Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?’ And the woman said unto them: ‘They are gone over the brook of water.’ And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said unto David: ‘Arise ye, and pass quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you.’ 22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over the Jordan; by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over the Jordan.

23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and got him home, unto his city, and set his house in order, and strangled himself; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father. 24 When David was come to Mahanaim, Absalom passed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25 And Absalom had set Amasa over the host instead of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man, whose name was Ithra the Jesraelite, that went in to Abigal the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab’s mother. 26 And Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

27 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 brought beds, and basins, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched corn, and beans, and lentils, and parched pulse, 29 and honey, and curd, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat; for they said: ‘The people is hungry, and faint, and thirsty, in the wilderness.’

18 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth the people, a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab’s brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people: ‘I will surely go forth with you myself also.’ 3 But the people said: ‘Thou shalt not go forth; for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us; but thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou be ready to succour us out of the city.’ 4 And the king said unto them: ‘What seemeth you best I will do.’ And the king stood by the gate-side, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying: ‘Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.’ And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

6 So the people went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. 7 And the people of Israel were smitten there before the servants of David, and there

was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there spread over the face of all the country; and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom chanced to meet the servants of David. And Absalom was riding upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth, and his head caught hold of the terebinth, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said: ‘Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in a terebinth.’ 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him: ‘And, behold, thou sawest it, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have had to give thee ten pieces of silver, and a girdle.’ 12 And the man said unto Joab: ‘Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, yet would I not put forth my hand against the king’s son; for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying: Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. 13 Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against mine own life—and there is no matter hid from the king—then thou thyself wouldest have stood aloof.’ 14 Then said Joab: ‘I may not tarry thus with thee.’ And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the terebinth. 15 And ten young men that bore Joab’s armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And Joab blew the horn, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people. 17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones; and all Israel fled every one to his tent.—18 Now Absalom in his life-time had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king’s dale; for he said: ‘I have no son to keep my name in remembrance’; and he called the pillar after his own name; and it is called Absalom’s monument unto this day.

19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok: ‘Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the Lord hath avenged him of his enemies.’ 20 And Joab said unto him: ‘Thou shalt not be the bearer of tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, forasmuch as the king’s son is dead.’ 21 Then said Joab to the Cushite: ‘Go tell the king what thou hast seen.’ And the Cushite bowed down unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab: ‘But come what may, let me, I pray thee, also run after the Cushite.’ And Joab said: ‘Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou wilt have no reward for the tidings?’ 23 ’But come what may, [said he,] I will run.’ And he said unto him: ‘Run.’ Then Ahimaaz ran by

the way of the Plain, and overran the
Cushite.
24 Now David sat between the two
gates; and the watchman went up to
the roof of the gate unto the wall, and
lifted up his eyes, and looked, and
behold a man running alone. 25 And the
watchman cried, and told the king.
And the king said: ‘If he be alone,
there is tidings in his mouth.’ And he
came apace, and drew near. 26 And the
watchman saw another man running;
and the watchman called unto the
porter, and said: ‘Behold another man
running alone.’ And the king said: ‘He
also bringeth tidings.’ 27 And the
watchman said: ‘I think the running of
the foremost is like the running of
Ahimaaz the son of Zadok.’ And the
king said: ‘He is a good man, and
cometh with good tidings.’
28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto
the king: ‘All is well.’ And he bowed
down before the king with his face to
the earth, and said: ‘Blessed be the
Lord thy God, who hath delivered up
the men that lifted up their hand
against my lord the king.’ 29 And the
king said: ‘Is it well with the young
man Absalom?’ And Ahimaaz
answered: ‘When Joab sent the king’s
servant, and me thy servant, I saw a
great tumult, but I knew not what it
was.’ 30 And the king said: ‘Turn aside,
and stand here.’ And he turned aside,
and stood still.
31 And, behold, the Cushite came;
and the Cushite said: ‘Tidings for my
lord the king; for the Lord hath
avenged thee this day of all them that
rose up against thee.’ 32 And the king
said unto the Cushite: ‘Is it well with
the young man Absalom?’ And the
Cushite answered: ‘The enemies of my
lord the king and all that rise up
against thee to do thee hurt, be as that
young man is.’

19 And the king was much
moved, and went up to the
chamber over the gate, and wept; and
as he went, thus he said: ‘O my son
Absalom, my son, my son Absalom!
would I had died for thee, O Absalom,
my son, my son! ’
2 And it was told Joab: ‘Behold, the
king weepeth and mourneth for
Absalom.’ 3 And the victory that day
was turned into mourning unto all the
people; for the people heard say that
day: ‘The king grieveth for his son.’
4 And the people got them by stealth
that day into the city, as people that are
ashamed steal away when they flee in
battle. 5 And the king covered his face,
and the king cried with a loud voice:
‘O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my
son, my son! ’ 6 And Joab came into
the house to the king, and said: ‘Thou
hast shamed this day the faces of all
thy servants, who this day have saved
thy life, and the lives of thy sons and
of thy daughters, and the lives of thy
wives, and the lives of thy concubines;
7 in that thou lovest them that hate thee,
and hatest them that love thee. For
thou hast declared this day, that
princes and servants are nought unto
thee; for this day I perceive, that if

Absalom had lived, and all we had
died this day, then it had pleased thee
well. 8Now therefore arise, go forth,
and speak to the heart of thy servants;
for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not
forth, there will not tarry a man with
thee this night; and that will be worse
unto thee than all the evil that hath
befallen thee from thy youth until
now.' 9Then the king arose, and sat in
the gate. And they told unto all the
people, saying: 'Behold, the king doth
sit in the gate'; and all the people came
before the king.

Now Israel had fled every man to
his tent. 10And all the people were at
strife throughout all the tribes of Israel,
saying: 'The king delivered us out of
the hand of our enemies, and he saved
us out of the hand of the Philistines;
and now he is fled out of the land from
Absalom. 11And Absalom, whom we
anointed over us, is dead in battle.
Now, therefore, why speak ye not a
word of bringing the king back?'

12And king David sent to Zadok and
to Abiathar the priests, saying: 'Speak
unto the elders of Judah, saying: Why
are ye the last to bring the king back to
his house?—For the speech of all
Israel was come to the king, to bring
him to his house.—13Ye are my
brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh;
wherefore then should ye be the last to
bring back the king? 14And say ye to
Amasa: Art thou not my bone and my
flesh? God do so to me, and more also,
if thou be not captain of the host
before me continually in the room of
Joab.' 15And he bowed the heart of all
the men of Judah, even as the heart of
one man; so that they sent unto the
king: 'Return thou, and all thy
servants.'

16So the king returned, and came to
the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal,
to go to meet the king, to bring the
king over the Jordan. 17And Shimei the
son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was
of Bahurim, made haste and came
down with the men of Judah to meet
king David. 18And there were a
thousand men of Benjamin with him,
and Ziba the servant of the house of
Saul, and his fifteen sons and his
twenty servants with him. And they
rushed into the Jordan before the king.
19And the ferryboat passed to and fro
to bring over the king's household, and
to do what he thought good. And
Shimei the son of Gera fell down
before the king, when he would go
over the Jordan. 20And he said unto the
king: 'Let not my lord impute iniquity
unto me, neither do thou remember
that which thy servant did iniquitously
the day that my lord the king went out
of Jerusalem, that the king should take
it to his heart. 21For thy servant doth
know that I have sinned; therefore,
behold, I am come this day the first of
all the house of Joseph to go down to
meet my lord the king.' 22But Abishai
the son of Zeruiah answered and said:
'Shall not Shimei be put to death for
this, because he cursed the LORD'S
anointed?' 23And David said: 'What
have I to do with you, ye sons of

Zeruiah, that ye should this day be
adversaries unto me? shall there any
man be put to death this day in Israel?
for do not I know that I am this day
king over Israel?’ [24]And the king said
unto Shimei: ‘Thou shalt not die.’ And
the king swore unto him.

[25]And Mephibosheth the son of Saul
came down to meet the king; and he
had neither dressed his feet, nor
trimmed his beard, nor washed his
clothes, from the day the king departed
until the day he came home in peace.
[26]And it came to pass, when he was
come to Jerusalem to meet the king,
that the king said unto him:
‘Wherefore wentest not thou with me,
Mephibosheth?’ [27]And he answered:
‘My lord, O king, my servant deceived
me; for thy servant said: I will saddle
me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and
go with the king; because thy servant
is lame. [28]And he hath slandered thy
servant unto my lord the king; but my
lord the king is as an angel of God; do
therefore what is good in thine eyes.
[29]For all my father’s house were
deserving of death at the hand of my
lord the king; yet didst thou set thy
servant among them that did eat at
thine own table. What right therefore
have I yet? or why should I cry any
more unto the king?’ [30]And the king
said unto him: ‘Why speakest thou any
more of thy matters? I say: Thou and
Ziba divide the land.’ [31]And
Mephibosheth said unto the king:
‘Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as
my lord the king is come in peace unto
his own house.’

[32]And Barzillai the Gileadite came
down from Rogelim; and he passed on
to Jordan with the king, to bring him
on the way over the Jordan. [33]Now
Barzillai was a very aged man, even
fourscore years old; and he had
provided the king with sustenance
while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was
a very great man. [34]And the king said
unto Barzillai: ‘Come thou over with
me, and I will sustain thee with me in
Jerusalem.’ [35]And Barzillai said unto
the king: ‘How many are the days of
the years of my life, that I should go
up with the king unto Jerusalem? [36]I
am this day fourscore years old; can I
discern between good and bad? can
thy servant taste what I eat or what I
drink? can I hear any more the voice
of singing men and singing women?
wherefore then should thy servant be
yet a burden unto my lord the king?
[37]Thy servant would but just go over
the Jordan with the king; and why
should the king recompense it me with
such a reward? [38]Let thy servant, I
pray thee, turn back, that I may die in
mine own city, by the grave of my
father and my mother. But behold thy
servant Chimham; let him go over
with my lord the king; and do to him
what shall seem good unto thee.’
[39]And the king answered: ‘Chimham
shall go over with me, and I will do to
him that which shall seem good unto
thee; and whatsoever thou shalt require
of me, that will I do for thee.’ [40]And

all the people went over the Jordan,
and the king went over; and the king
kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and
he returned unto his own place.

[41]So the king went over to Gilgal,
and [a]Chimham went over with him;
and all the people of Judah brought the
king over, and also half the people of
Israel. [42]And, behold, all the men of
Israel came to the king, and said unto
the king: 'Why have our brethren the
men of Judah stolen thee away, and
brought the king, and his household,
over the Jordan, and all David's men
with him?' [43]And all the men of Judah
answered the men of Israel: 'Because
the king is near of kin to us; wherefore
then are ye angry for this matter? have
we eaten at all of the king's cost? or
hath any gift been given us?' [44]And the
men of Israel answered the men of
Judah, and said: 'We have ten parts in
the king, and we have also more right
in David than ye; why then did ye
despise us, that our advice should not
be first had in bringing back our king?'
And the words of the men of Judah
were fiercer than the words of the men
of Israel.

20 Now there happened to be
there a base fellow, whose
name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a
Benjamite; and he blew the horn, and
said: 'We have no portion in David,
neither have we inheritance in the son
of Jesse; every man to his tents, O
Israel.' [2]So all the men of Israel went
up from following David, and
followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but
the men of Judah did cleave unto their
king, from the Jordan even to
Jerusalem.

[3]And David came to his house at
Jerusalem; and the king took the ten
women his concubines, whom he had
left to keep the house, and put them in
ward, and provided them with
sustenance, but went not in unto them.
So they were shut up unto the day of
their death, in widowhood, with their
husband alive.

[4]Then said the king to Amasa: 'Call
me the men of Judah together within
three days, and be thou here present.'
[5]So Amasa went to call the men of
Judah together; but he tarried longer
than the set time which he had
appointed him. [6]And David said to
Abishai: 'Now will Sheba the son of
Bichri do us more harm than did
Absalom; take thou thy lord's
servants, and pursue after him, lest he
get him fortified cities, and escape out
of our sight.' [7]And there went out after
him Joab's men, and the Cherethites
and the Pelethites, and all the mighty
men; and they went out of Jerusalem,
to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.
[8]When they were at the great stone
which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to
meet them. And Joab was girded with
his apparel of war that he had put on,
and thereon was a girdle with a sword
fastened upon his loins in the sheath
thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.
[9]And Joab said to Amasa: 'Is it well

[a] Heb. *Chimhan*.

with thee, my brother?' And Joab took
Amasa by the beard with his right
hand to kiss him. [10]But Amasa took no
heed to the sword that was in Joab's
hand; so he smote him therewith in the
groin, and shed out his bowels to the
ground, and struck him not again; and
he died.

And Joab and Abishai his brother
pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri.
[11]And there stood by him one of Joab's
young men, and said: 'He that
favoureth Joab, and he that is for
David let him follow Joab.' [12]And
Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in
the midst of the highway. And when
the man saw that all the people stood
still, he carried Amasa out of the
highway into the field, and cast a
garment over him, when he saw that
every one that came by him stood still.
[13]When he was removed out of the
highway, all the people went on after
Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of
Bichri.

[14]And he went through all the tribes
of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-
maacah, and all the Berites; and they
were gathered together, and went in
also after him. [15]And they came and
besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah,
and they cast up a mound against the
city, and it stood in the moat; and all
the people that were with Joab battered
the wall, to throw it down.

[16]Then cried a wise woman out of
the city: 'Hear, hear; say, I pray you,
unto Joab: Come near hither, that I
may speak with thee.' [17]And he came
near unto her; and the woman said:
'Art thou Joab?' And he answered: 'I
am.' Then she said unto him: 'Hear the
words of thy handmaid.' And he
answered: 'I do hear.' [18]Then she
spoke, saying: 'They were wont to
speak in old time, saying: They shall
surely ask counsel at Abel; and so they
ended the matter. [19]We are of them
that are peaceable and faithful in
Israel; seekest thou to destroy a city
and a mother in Israel? why wilt thou
swallow up the inheritance of the
LORD?' [20]And Joab answered and said:
'Far be it, far be it from me, that I
should swallow up or destroy. [21]The
matter is not so; but a man of the hill-
country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of
Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand
against the king, even against David;
deliver him only, and I will depart
from the city.' And the woman said
unto Joab: 'Behold, his head shall be
thrown to thee over the wall.' [22]Then
the woman went unto all the people in
her wisdom. And they cut off the head
of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw
it out to Joab. And he blew the horn,
and they were dispersed from the city,
every man to his tent. And Joab
returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

[23]Now Joab was over all the host of
Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada
was over the Cherethites and over the
Pelethites; [24]and Adoram was over the
levy; and Jehoshaphat the son of
Ahilud was the recorder; [25]and Sheva
was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar

were priests; [26]and Ira also the Jairite
was chief minister unto David.

## 21

And there was a famine in the
days of David three years, year
after year; and David sought the face
of the LORD. And the LORD said: ‘It is
for Saul, and for his bloody house,
because he put to death the
Gibeonites.’ [2]And the king called the
Gibeonites, and said unto them—now
the Gibeonites were not of the children
of Israel, but of the remnant of the
Amorites; and the children of Israel
had sworn unto them; and Saul sought
to slay them in his zeal for the children
of Israel and Judah— [3]and David said
unto the Gibeonites: ‘What shall I do
for you? and wherewith shall I make
atonement, that ye may bless the
inheritance of the LORD?’ [4]And the
Gibeonites said unto him: ‘It is no
matter of silver or gold between us and
Saul, or his house; neither is it for us
to put any man to death in Israel.’ And
he said: ‘What say ye that I should do
for you?’ [5]And they said unto the king:
‘The man that consumed us, and that
devised against us, so that we have
been destroyed from remaining in any
of the borders of Israel, [6]let seven men
of his sons be delivered unto us, and
we will hang them up unto the LORD in
Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the
LORD.’ And the king said: ‘I will
deliver them.’

[7]But the king spared Mephibosheth,
the son of Jonathan the son of Saul,
because of the LORD’S oath that was
between them, between David and
Jonathan the son of Saul. [8]But the king
took the two sons of Rizpah the
daughter of Aiah, whom she bore unto
Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and
the five sons of Michal the daughter of
Saul, whom she bore to Adriel the son
of Barzillai the Meholathite; [9]and he
delivered them into the hands of the
Gibeonites, and they hanged them in
the mountain before the LORD, and
they fell all seven together; and they
were put to death in the days of
harvest, in the first days, at the
beginning of barley harvest.

[10]And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah
took sackcloth, and spread it for her
upon the rock, from the beginning of
harvest until water was poured upon
them from heaven; and she suffered
neither the birds of the air to rest on
them by day, nor the beasts of the field
by night. [11]And it was told David what
Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the
concubine of Saul, had done. [12]And
David went and took the bones of Saul
and the bones of Jonathan his son from
the men of Jabesh-gilead, who had
stolen them from the broad place of
Beth-shan, where the Philistines had
hanged them, in the day that the
Philistines slew Saul in Gilboa; [13]and
he brought up from thence the bones
of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his
son; and they gathered the bones of
them that were hanged. [14]And they
buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan
his son in the country of Benjamin in
Zela, in the sepulchre of Kish his
father; and they performed all that the

king commanded. And after that God
was entreated for the land.
15 And the Philistines had war again
with Israel; and David went down, and
his servants with him, and fought
against the Philistines; and David
waxed faint. 16 And Ishbibenob, who
was of the sons of the giant, the weight
of whose spear was three hundred
shekels of brass in weight, he being
girded with new armour, thought to
have slain David. 17 But Abishai the
son of Zeruiah succoured him, and
smote the Philistine, and killed him.
Then the men of David swore unto
him, saying: 'Thou shalt go no more
out with us to battle, that thou quench
not the lamp of Israel.'
18 And it came to pass after this, that
there was again war with the
Philistines at Gob; then Sibbecai the
Hushathite slew Saph, who was of the
sons of the giant. 19 And there was
again war with the Philistines at Gob;
and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim
the Beth-lehemite slew Goliath the
Gittite, the staff of whose spear was
like a weaver's beam. 20 And there was
again war at Gath, where was a
champion, that had on every hand six
fingers, and on every foot six toes,
four and twenty in number; and he also
was born to the giant. 21 And when he
taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of
Shimea David's brother slew him.
22 These four were born to the giant in
Gath; and they fell by the hand of
David, and by the hand of his servants.

## 22

And David spoke unto the
LORD the words of this song in
the day that the LORD delivered him
out of the hand of all his enemies, and
out of the hand of Saul; 2 and he said:

The LORD is my rock, and my
fortress, and my deliverer;
3 The God who is my rock, in Him I
take refuge;
My shield, and my horn of
salvation, my high tower, and my
refuge;
My saviour, Thou savest me from
violence.
4 Praised, I cry, is the LORD,
And I am saved from mine enemies.

5 For the waves of Death compassed
me.
The floods of [a]Belial assailed me.
6 The cords of Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of Death confronted me.
7 In my distress I called upon the
LORD,
Yea, I called unto my God;
And out of His temple He heard my
voice,
And my cry did enter into His ears.
8 Then the earth did shake and
quake,
The foundations of heaven did
tremble;
Tey were shaken, because He was
wroth.
9 Smoke arose up in His nostrils,
And fire out of His mouth did
devour;

[a] That is, *the nether-world*.

Coals flamed forth from Him.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under His feet.
11 And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly;
Yea, He was seen upon the wings of the wind.
12 And He made darkness pavilions round about Him,
Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
13 At the brightness before Him
Coals of fire flamed forth.
14 The Lord thundered from heaven,
And the Most High gave forth His voice.
15 And He sent out arrows, and scattered them;
Lightning, and discomfited them.
16 And the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were laid bare
By the rebuke of the Lord,
At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

17 He sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters;
18 He delivered me from mine enemy most strong,
From them that hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
19 They confronted me in the day of my calamity;
But the Lord was a stay unto me.
20 He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
21 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all His ordinances were before me;
And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them.
24 And I was single-hearted toward Him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
25 Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to my cleanness in His eyes.

26 With the merciful Thou dost show
Thyself merciful,
With the upright man Thou dost show
Thyself upright,
27 With the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure;
And with the crooked Thou dost show
Thyself subtle.
28 And the afflicted people Thou dost save;

But Thine eyes are upon the haughty, that Thou mayest humble them.

29 For Thou art my lamp, O Lord;
And the Lord doth lighten my darkness.
30 For by Thee I run upon a troop;
By my God do I scale a wall.
31 As for God, His way is perfect;
The word of the Lord is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in Him.

32 For who is God, save the Lord?
And who is a Rock, save our God?
33 The God who is my strong fortress,
And who letteth my way go forth straight;
34 Who maketh my feet like hinds',
And setteth me upon my high places;
35 Who traineth my hands for war,
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
36 Thou hast also given me Thy shield of salvation;
And Thy condescension hath made me great.
37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my feet have not slipped.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them;
Neither did I turn back till they were consumed.
39 And I have consumed them, and smitten them through, that they cannot arise;
Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
40 For Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle;
Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
41 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me;
Yea, them that hate me, that I might cut them off.
42 They looked, but there was none to save;
Even unto the Lord, but He answered them not.
43 Then did I beat them small as the dust of the earth,
I did stamp them as the mire of the streets, and did tread them down.
44 Thou also hast delivered me from the contentions of my people;
Thou hast kept me to be the head of the nations;
A people whom I have not known serve me.
45 The sons of the stranger dwindle away before me;
As soon as they hear of me, they obey me.
46 The sons of the stranger fade away,
And come halting out of their close places.

47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock;
And exalted be the God, my Rock of salvation;

48Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,
And bringeth down peoples under me,
49And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies;
Yea, Thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;
Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
50Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the nations,
And will sing praises unto Thy name.
51A tower of salvation is He to His king;
And showeth mercy to His anointed,
To David and to his seed, for evermore.

23 Now these are the last words of David:
The saying of David the son of Jesse,
And the saying of the man raised on high,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet singer of Israel:
2The spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word was upon my tongue.

3The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spoke to me:
'Ruler over men shall be
The righteous, even he that ruleth in the fear of God,
4And as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,
A morning without clouds;
When through clear shining after rain,
The tender grass springeth out of the earth.'
5For is not my house established with God?
For an everlasting covenant He hath made with me,
Ordered in all things, and sure;
For all my salvation, and all my desire,
Will he not make it to grow?
6But the ungodly, they are as thorns thrust away, all of them,
For they cannot be taken with the hand;
7But the man that toucheth them
Must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear;
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.

8These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite; [he lifted up his spear] against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.
9And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the son of an Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they jeoparded their lives against the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away;
10he stood firm, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand did cleave unto the sword; and the LORD

wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to strip the slain.

11 And after him was Shammah the son of Age the Ararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the Lord wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and the troop of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 14 And David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 15 And David longed, and said: ‘Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! ’ 16 And the three mighty men broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; but he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord. 17 And he said: ‘Be it far from me, O Lord, that I should do this; shall I drink the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives?’ therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them, and had a name among the three. 19 He was most honourable of the three; therefore he was made their captain; howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he smote the two altar-hearths of Moab; he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow; 21 and he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man; and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighty men. 23 He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem; 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite; 26 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; 27 Abiezer the Anathothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite; 28 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite; 29 Heleb the son of Baanah the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin; 30 Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai of Nahale-gaash; 31 Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite; 32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan; 33 Shammah the

Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the
Ararite; 34Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai,
the son of the Maacathite, Eliam the
son of Ahithophel the Gilonite;
35Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the
Arbite; 36Igal the son of Nathan of
Zobah, Bani the Gadite; 37Zelek the
Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite,
armour-bearer to Joab the son of
Zeruiah; 38Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the
Ithrite; 39Uriah the Hittite. Thirty and
seven in all.

24 And again the anger of the
LORD was kindled against
Israel, and He moved David against
them, saying: ‘Go, number Israel and
Judah.’ 2And the king said to Joab the
captain of the host that was with him:
‘Go now to and fro through all the
tribes of Israel, from Dan even to
Beer-sheba, and number ye the people,
that I may know the sum of the
people.’ 3And Joab said unto the king:
‘Now the LORD thy God add unto the
people, how many soever they may be,
a hundredfold, and may the eyes of my
lord the king see it; but why doth my
lord the king delight in this thing?’
4Notwithstanding the king’s word
prevailed against Joab, and against the
captains of the host. And Joab and the
captains of the host went out from the
presence of the king, to number the
people of Israel. 5And they passed over
the Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on
the right side of the city that is in the
middle of the valley of Gad, and unto
Jazer; 6then they came to Gilead, and
to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they
came to Dan-jaan, and round about to
Zidon, 7and came to the stronghold of
Tyre, and to all the cities of the
Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and
they went out to the south of Judah, at
Beer-sheba. 8So when they had gone to
and fro through all the land, they came
to Jerusalem at the end of nine months
and twenty days. 9And Joab gave up
the sum of the numbering of the
people unto the king; and there were in
Israel eight hundred thousand valiant
men that drew the sword; and the men
of Judah were five hundred thousand
men.

10And David’s heart smote him after
that he had numbered the people. And
David said unto the LORD: ‘I have
sinned greatly in what I have done; but
now, O LORD, put away, I beseech
Thee, the iniquity of Thy servant; for I
have done very foolishly.’ 11And when
David rose up in the morning, the
word of the LORD came unto the
prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying:
12’Go and speak unto David: Thus
saith the LORD: I lay upon thee three
things; choose thee one of them, that I
may do it unto thee.’ 13So Gad came to
David, and told him, and said unto
him: ‘Shall seven years of famine
come unto thee in thy land? or wilt
thou flee three months before thy foes
while they pursue thee? or shall there
be three days’pestilence in thy land?
now advise thee, and consider what
answer I shall return to Him that sent
Me.’ 14And David said unto Gad: ‘I am
in a great strait; let us fall now into the

hand of the LORD; for His mercies are
great; and let me not fall into the hand
of man.'

15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon
Israel from the morning even to the
time appointed; and there died of the
people from Dan even to Beer-sheba
seventy thousand men. 16 And when the
angel stretched out his hand toward
Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD
repented Him of the evil, and said to
the angel that destroyed the people: 'It
is enough; now stay thy hand.' And
the angel of the LORD was by the
threshing-floor of Araunah the
Jebusite. 17 And David spoke unto the
LORD when he saw the angel that
smote the people, and said: 'Lo, I have
sinned, and I have done iniquitously;
but these sheep, what have they done?
let Thy hand, I pray Thee, be against
me, and against my father's house.'

18 And Gad came that day to David,
and said unto him: 'Go up, rear an
altar unto the LORD in the threshing-
floor of Araunah the Jebusite.' 19 And
David went up according to the saying
of Gad, as the LORD commanded.
20 And Araunah looked forth, and saw
the king and his servants coming on
toward him; and Araunah went out,
and bowed down before the king with
his face to the ground. 21 And Araunah
said: 'Wherefore is my lord the king
come to his servant?' And David said:
'To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to
build an altar unto the LORD, that the
plague may be stayed from the
people.' 22 And Araunah said unto
David: 'Let my lord the king take and
offer up what seemeth good unto him;
behold the oxen for the burnt-offering,
and the threshing-instruments and the
furniture of the oxen for the wood.'
23 All this did Araunah the king give
unto the king. And Araunah said unto
the king: 'The LORD thy God accept
thee.' 24 And the king said unto
Araunah: 'Nay; but I will verily buy it
of thee at a price; neither will I offer
burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God
which cost me nothing.' So David
bought the threshing-floor and the
oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And
David built there an altar unto the
LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and
peace-offerings. So the LORD was
entreated for the land, and the plague
was stayed from Israel.

# מלכים א
# FIRST KINGS

## 1

Now King David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he could get no heat. [2]Wherefore his servants said unto him: ‘Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin; and let her stand before the king, and be a companion unto him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat.’ [3]So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. [4]And the damsel was very fair; and she became a companion unto the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not.

[5]Now Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying: ‘I will be king’; and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. [6]And his father had not grieved him all his life in saying: ‘Why hast thou done so?’ and he was also a very goodly man; and he was born after Absalom. [7]And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest; and they following Adonijah helped him. [8]But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men that belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. [9]And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel; and he called all his brethren the king’s sons, and all the men of Judah the king’s servants; [10]but Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

[11]Then Nathan spoke unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying: ‘Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? [12]Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. [13]Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him: Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thy handmaid, saying: Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? [14]Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy words.’

[15]And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber.—Now the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king.—[16]And Bath-sheba bowed, and prostrated herself unto the king. And the king said: ‘What wouldest thou?’ [17]And she said unto him: ‘My lord,

thou didst swear by the LORD thy God unto thy handmaid: Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and thou, my lord the king, knowest it not. 19 And he hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar, the priest, and Joab the captain of the host; but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. 20 And thou, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.'

22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23 And they told the king, saying: 'Behold Nathan the prophet.' And when he was come in before the king, he bowed down before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said: 'My lord, O king, hast thou said: Adonijah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? 25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say: Long live king Adonijah. 26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon hath he not called. 27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not declared unto thy servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?'

28 Then king David answered and said: 'Call me Bath-sheba.' And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king swore and said: 'As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 30 verily as I swore unto thee by the LORD, the God of Israel, saying: Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; verily so will I do this day.' 31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and prostrated herself to the king, and said: 'Let my lord king David live for ever.'

32 And king David said: 'Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada.' And they came before the king. 33 And the king said unto them: 'Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon. 34 And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel; and blow ye with the horn, and say: Long live king Solomon. 35 Then ye shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be prince over Israel and over Judah.' 36 And Benaiah the son of

Jehoiada answered the king, and said: 'Amen; so say the LORD, the God of my lord the king. [37]As the LORD hath been with my lord the king, even so be He with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.'

[38]So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. [39]And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the ram's horn; and all the people said: 'Long live king Solomon.' [40]And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

[41]And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the horn, he said: 'Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar?' [42]While he yet spoke, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came; and Adonijah said: 'Come in; for thou art a worthy man, and bringest good tidings.' [43]And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah: 'Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon king. [44]And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule. [45]And Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon; and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city is in an uproar. This is the noise that ye have heard. [46]And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. [47]And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying: God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne; and the king bowed down upon the bed. [48]And also thus said the king: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.'

[49]And all the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. [50]And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. [51]And it was told Solomon, saying: 'Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon; for, lo, he hath laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying: Let king Solomon swear unto me first of all that he will not slay his servant with the sword.' [52]And Solomon said: 'If he shall show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth; but if wickedness be found in him, he shall die.' [53]So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and prostrated himself before king Solomon; and Solomon said unto him: 'Go to thy house.'

2 Now the days of David drew nigh
that he should die; and he charged
Solomon his son, saying: 2’I go the
way of all the earth; be thou strong
therefore, and show thyself a man;
3and keep the charge of the LORD thy
God, to walk in His ways, to keep His
statutes, and His commandments, and
His ordinances, and His testimonies,
according to that which is written in
the law of Moses, that thou mayest
prosper in all that thou doest, and
whithersoever thou turnest thyself;
4that the LORD may establish His word
which He spoke concerning me,
saying: If thy children take heed to
their way, to walk before Me in truth
with all their heart and with all their
soul, there shall not fail thee, said He,
a man on the throne of Israel.
5Moreover thou knowest also what
Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto me,
even what he did to the two captains of
the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son
of Ner and unto Amasa the son of
Jether, whom he slew, and shed the
blood of war in peace, and put the
blood of war upon his girdle that was
about his loins, and in his shoes that
were on his feet. 6Do therefore
according to thy wisdom, and let not
his hoar head go down to the grave in
peace. 7But show kindness unto the
sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let
them be of those that eat at thy table;
for so they drew nigh unto me when I
fled from Absalom thy brother. 8And,
behold, there is with thee Shimei the
son of Gera, the Benjamite, of
Bahurim, who cursed me with a
grievous curse in the day when I went
to Mahanaim; but he came down to
meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to
him by the LORD, saying: I will not put
thee to death with the sword. 9Now
therefore hold him not guiltless, for
thou art a wise man; and thou wilt
know what thou oughtest to do unto
him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head
down to the grave with blood.’

10And David slept with his fathers,
and was buried in the city of David.
11And the days that David reigned over
Israel were forty years: seven years
reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and
three years reigned he in Jerusalem.
12And Solomon sat upon the throne of
David his father; and his kingdom was
established firmly.

13Then Adonijah the son of Haggith
came to Bath-sheba the mother of
Solomon. And she said: ‘Comest thou
peaceably?’ And he said: ‘Peaceably.’
14He said moreover: ‘I have somewhat
to say unto thee.’ And she said: ‘Say
on.’ 15And he said: ‘Thou knowest that
the kingdom was mine, and that all
Israel set their faces on me, that I
should reign; howbeit the kingdom is
turned about, and is become my
brother’s; for it was his from the LORD.
16And now I ask one petition of thee,
deny me not.’ And she said unto him:
‘Say on.’ 17And he said: ‘Speak, I pray
thee, unto Solomon the king—for he
will not say thee nay—that he give me
Abishag the Shunammite to wife.’

18And Bath-sheba said: 'Well; I will
speak for thee unto the king.'

19Bath-sheba therefore went unto
king Solomon, to speak unto him for
Adonijah. And the king rose up to
meet her, and bowed down unto her,
and sat down on his throne, and caused
a throne to be set for the king's
mother; and she sat on his right hand.
20Then she said: 'I ask one small
petition of thee; deny me not.' And the
king said unto her: 'Ask on, my
mother; for I will not deny thee.'
21And she said: 'Let Abishag the
Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy
brother to wife.' 22And king Solomon
answered and said unto his mother:
'And why dost thou ask Abishag the
Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him
the kingdom also; for he is mine elder
brother; even for him, and for Abiathar
the priest, and for Joab the son of
Zeruiah.' 23Then king Solomon swore
by the Lord, saying: 'God do so to me,
and more also, if Adonijah have not
spoken this word against his own life.
24Now therefore as the Lord liveth,
who hath established me, and set me
on the throne of David my father, and
who hath made me a house, as He
promised, surely Adonijah shall be put
to death this day.' 25And king Solomon
sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, so that
he died.

26And unto Abiathar the priest said
the king: 'Get thee to Anathoth, unto
thine own fields; for thou art deserving
of death; but I will not at this time put
thee to death, because thou didst bear
the ark of the Lord God before David
my father, and because thou wast
afflicted in all wherein my father was
afflicted.' 27So Solomon thrust out
Abiathar from being priest unto the
Lord; that the word of the Lord might
be fulfilled, which He spoke
concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

28And the tidings came to Joab; for
Joab had turned after Adonijah, though
he turned not after Absalom. And Joab
fled unto the Tent of the Lord, and
caught hold on the horns of the altar.
29And it was told king Solomon: 'Joab
is fled unto the Tent of the Lord, and,
behold, he is by the altar.' Then
Solomon sent Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada, saying: 'Go, fall upon him.'
30And Benaiah came to the Tent of the
Lord, and said unto him: 'Thus saith
the king: Come forth.' And he said:
'Nay; but I will die here.' And
Benaiah brought back word unto the
king, saying: 'Thus said Joab, and thus
he answered me.' 31And the king said
unto him: 'Do as he hath said, and fall
upon him, and bury him; that thou
mayest take away the blood, which
Joab shed without cause, from me and
from my father's house. 32And the
Lord will return his blood upon his
own head, because he fell upon two
men more righteous and better than he,
and slew them with the sword, and my
father David knew it not: Abner the
son of Ner, captain of the host of
Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether,
captain of the host of Judah. 33So shall

their blood return upon the head of
Joab, and upon the head of his seed for
ever; but unto David, and unto his
seed, and unto his house, and unto his
throne, shall there be peace for ever
from the Lord.' 34 Then Benaiah the
son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon
him, and slew him; and he was buried
in his own house in the wilderness.
35 And the king put Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada in his room over the host; and
Zadok the priest did the king put in the
room of Abiathar.

36 And the king sent and called for
Shimei, and said unto him: Build thee
a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there,
and go not forth thence any whither.
37 For on the day thou goest out, and
passest over the brook Kidron, know
thou for certain that thou shalt surely
die; thy blood shall be upon thine own
head.' 38 And Shimei said unto the
king: 'The saying is good; as my lord
the king hath said, so will thy servant
do.' And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem
many days.

39 And it came to pass at the end of
three years, that two of the servants of
Shimei ran away unto Achish, son of
Maacah, king of Gath. And they told
Shimei, saying: 'Behold, thy servants
are in Gath.' 40 And Shimei arose, and
saddled his ass, and went to Gath to
Achish, to seek his servants; and
Shimei went, and brought his servants
from Gath. 41 And it was told Solomon
that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem
to Gath, and was come back. 42 And the
king sent and called for Shimei, and
said unto him: 'Did I not make thee to
swear by the Lord, and forewarned
thee, saying: Know for certain, that on
the day thou goest out, and walkest
abroad any whither, thou shalt surely
die? and thou saidst unto me: The
saying is good; I have heard it. 43 Why
then hast thou not kept the oath of the
Lord, and the commandment that I
have charged thee with?' 44 The king
said moreover to Shimei: 'Thou
knowest all the wickedness which thy
heart is privy to, that thou didst to
David my father; therefore the Lord
shall return thy wickedness upon thine
own head. 45 But king Solomon shall be
blessed, and the throne of David shall
be established before the Lord for
ever.' 46 So the king commanded
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he
went out, and fell upon him, so that he
died.

And the kingdom was established in
3 the hand of Solomon. 1 And
Solomon became allied to
Pharaoh king of Egypt by marriage,
and took Pharaoh's daughter, and
brought her into the city of David,
until he had made an end of building
his own house, and the house of the
Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round
about. 2 Only the people sacrificed in
the high places, because there was no
house built for the name of the Lord
until those days. 3 And Solomon loved
the Lord, walking in the statutes of
David his father; only he sacrificed
and offered in the high places.

[4]And the king went to Gibeon to
sacrifice there; for that was the great
high place; a thousand burnt-offerings
did Solomon offer upon that altar. [5]In
Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon
in a dream by night; and God said:
‘Ask what I shall give thee.’ [6]And
Solomon said: ‘Thou hast shown unto
Thy servant David my father great
kindness, according as he walked
before Thee in truth, and in
righteousness, and in uprightness of
heart with Thee; and Thou hast kept
for him this great kindness, that Thou
hast given him a son to sit on his
throne, as it is this day. [7]And now, O
LORD my God, Thou hast made Thy
servant king instead of David my
father; and I am but a little child; I
know not how to go out or come in.
[8]And Thy servant is in the midst of
Thy people which Thou hast chosen, a
great people, that cannot be numbered
nor counted for multitude. [9]Give Thy
servant therefore an understanding
heart to judge Thy people, that I may
discern between good and evil; for
who is able to judge this Thy great
people?’ [10]And the speech pleased the
LORD, that Solomon had asked this
thing. [11]And God said unto him:
‘Because thou hast asked this thing,
and hast not asked for thyself long life;
neither hast asked riches for thyself,
nor hast asked the life of thine
enemies; but hast asked for thyself
understanding to discern justice;
[12]behold, I have done according to thy
word: lo, I have given thee a wise and
an understanding heart; so that there
hath been none like thee before thee,
neither after thee shall any arise like
unto thee. [13]And I have also given thee
that which thou hast not asked, both
riches and honour—so that there hath
not been any among the kings like
unto thee—all thy days. [14]And if thou
wilt walk in My ways, to keep My
statutes and My commandments, as
thy father David did walk, then I will
lengthen thy days.’ [15]And Solomon
awoke, and, behold, it was a dream;
and he came to Jerusalem, and stood
before the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, and offered up burnt-offerings,
and offered peace-offerings, and made
a feast to all his servants.

[16]Then came there two women, that
were harlots, unto the king, and stood
before him. [17]And the one woman
said: ‘Oh, my lord, I and this woman
dwell in one house; and I was
delivered of a child with her in the
house. [18]And it came to pass the third
day after I was delivered, that this
woman was delivered also; and we
were together; there was no stranger
with us in the house, save we two in
the house. [19]And this woman’s child
died in the night; because she overlay
it. [20]And she arose at midnight, and
took my son from beside me, while thy
handmaid slept, and laid it in her
bosom, and laid her dead child in my
bosom. [21]And when I rose in the
morning to give my child suck,
behold, it was dead; but when I had
looked well at it in the morning,

behold, it was not my son, whom I did bear.' 22And the other woman said: 'Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son.' And this said: 'No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son.' Thus they spoke before the king.

23Then said the king: 'The one saith: This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead; and the other saith: Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living.' 24And the king said: 'Fetch me a sword.' And they brought a sword before the king. 25And the king said: 'Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.' 26Then spoke the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her heart yearned upon her son, and she said: 'Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it.' But the other said: 'It shall be neither mine nor thine; divide it.' 27Then the king answered and said: 'Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof.' 28And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do justice.

4 And king Solomon was king over all Israel. 2And these were the princes whom he had: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; 3Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the recorder; 4and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 5and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister and the king's friend; 6and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the levy.

7And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 8And these are their names: The son of Hur, in the hill-country of Ephraim; 9the son of Deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan; 10the son of Hesed, in Arubboth; to him pertained Socoh, and all the land of Hepher; 11the son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife; 12Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, as far as beyond Jokmeam; 13the son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained the villages of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; even to him pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities with walls and brazen bars; 14Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim; 15Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon to wife; 16Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and Bealoth; 17Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin; 19Geber the son of Uri, in

the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; and one officer that was [over all the officers] in the land. [20]Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry.

**5** And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt; they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.

[2]And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal; [3]ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, beside harts, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fatted fowl. [4]For he had dominion over all the region on this side the River, from Tiphsah even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River; and he had peace on all sides round about him. [2]And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon.

[6]And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. [2]And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking. [8]Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds brought they unto the place where it should be, every man according to his charge.

[9]And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore. [10]And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. [11]For he was wiser than all men: than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol; and his fame was in all the nations round about. [12]And he spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five. [13]And he spoke of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall; he spoke also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. [14]And there came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

[15]And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father; for Hiram was ever a lover of David. [16]And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying: [17]'Thou knowest how that David my father could not build a house for the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of my feet. [18]But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side; there is neither adversary, nor evil occurrence. [19]And, behold, I purpose to build a house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke unto

David my father, saying: Thy son,
whom I will set upon thy throne in thy
room, he shall build the house for My
name. 20 Now therefore command thou
that they hew me cedar-trees out of
Lebanon; and my servants shall be
with thy servants; and I will give thee
hire for thy servants according to all
that thou shalt say; for thou knowest
that there is not among us any that
hath skill to hew timber like unto the
Zidonians.'

21 And it came to pass, when Hiram
heard the words of Solomon, that he
rejoiced greatly, and said: 'Blessed be
the LORD this day, who hath given unto
David a wise son over this great
people.' 22 And Hiram sent to Solomon,
saying: 'I have heard that which thou
hast sent unto me; I will do all thy
desire concerning timber of cedar, and
concerning timber of cypress. 23 My
servants shall bring them down from
Lebanon unto the sea; and I will make
them into rafts to go by sea unto the
place that thou shalt appoint me, and
will cause them to be broken up there,
and thou shalt receive them; and thou
shalt accomplish my desire, in giving
food for my household.' 24 So [a]Hiram
gave Solomon timber of cedar and
timber of cypress according to all his
desire. 25 And Solomon gave Hiram
twenty thousand measures of wheat for
food to his household, and twenty
measures of beaten oil; thus gave
Solomon to Hiram year by year. 26 And
the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He
promised him; and there was peace
between Hiram and Solomon; and they
two made a league together.

27 And king Solomon raised a levy
out of all Israel; and the levy was
thirty thousand men. 28 And he sent
them to Lebanon, ten thousand a
month by courses: a month they were
in Lebanon, and two months at home;
and Adoniram was over the levy.
29 And Solomon had threescore and ten
thousand that bore burdens, and
fourscore thousand that were hewers in
the mountains; 30 besides Solomon's
chief officers that were over the work,
three thousand and three hundred, who
bore rule over the people that wrought
in the work. 31 And the king
commanded, and they quarried great
stones, costly stones, to lay the
foundation of the house with hewn
stone. 32 And Solomon's builders and
Hiram's builders and the Gebalites did
fashion them, and prepared the timber
and the stones to build the house.

6 And it came to pass in the four
hundred and eightieth year after
the children of Israel were come out of
the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of
Solomon's reign over Israel, in the
month Ziv, which is the second month,
that he began to build the house of the
LORD. 2 And the house which king
Solomon built for the LORD, the length
thereof was threescore cubits, and the
breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the
height thereof thirty cubits. 3 And the

[a] Heb. *Hirom*, and in verse 32.

porch before the [a]temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. [4]And for the house he made windows broad within, and narrow without. [5]And against the wall of the house he built a side-structure round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of [b]the sanctuary; and he made side-chambers round about; [6]the nethermost story of the side-structure was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for on the outside he made rebatements in the wall of the house round about, that the beams should not have hold in the walls of the house.— [7]For the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready at the quarry; and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.— [8]The door for the [c]lowest row of chambers was in the right side of the house and they went up by winding stairs into the middle row, and out of the middle into the third. [9]So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered in the house with planks of cedar over beams. [10]And he built the stories of the side-structure against all the house, each five cubits high; and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

[11]And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying: [12]'As for this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute Mine ordinances, and keep all My commandments to walk in them; then will I establish My word with thee, which I spoke unto David thy father; [13]in that I will dwell therein among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel.'

[14]So Solomon built the house, and finished it. [15]And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house unto the joists of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the house with boards of cypress. [16]And he built twenty cubits on the hinder part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor unto the joists; he even built them for himself within, for a Sanctuary, even for the most holy place. [17]And the house, that is, the temple before [the Sanctuary], was forty cubits long. [18]And the cedar on the house within was carved with knops and open flowers; all was cedar; there was no stone seen. [19]And he prepared the Sanctuary in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the Lord. [20]And before the Sanctuary which was twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof, overlaid with pure gold, he set an altar,

[a] That is, the holy place.

[b] Heb. *debir*, that is, the hindmost or innermost room, the most holy place.

[c] Heb. *middle*.

which he covered with cedar. [21]So Solomon overlaid [a]the house within with pure gold; and he drew chains of gold across the wall before the Sanctuary; and he overlaid it with gold. [22]And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished; also the whole altar that belonged to the Sanctuary he overlaid with gold.

[23]And in the Sanctuary he made two cherubim of olive-wood, each ten cubits high. [24]And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub; from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other were ten cubits. [25]And the other cherub was ten cubits; both the cherubim were of one measure and one form. [26]The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. [27]And he set the cherubim within the inner house; and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. [28]And he overlaid the cherubim with gold.

[29]And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, within and without. [30]And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. [31]And for the entrance of the Sanctuary he made doors of olive-wood, the door-posts within the frame having five angles. [32]And as for the two doors of olive-wood, he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm-trees. [33]So also made he for the entrance of the temple door-posts of olive-wood, within a frame four-square; [34]and two doors of cypress-wood; the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. [35]And he carved thereon cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the graven work. [36]And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams.

[37]In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in the month Ziv. [38]And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

7 And Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house.

[2]For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon: the length thereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof

[a] That is, *the Sanctuary*.

thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar
pillars, with cedar beams upon the
pillars. 3And it was covered with cedar
above upon the side-chambers, that lay
on forty and five pillars, fifteen in a
row. 4And there were beams in three
rows; and light was over against light
in three ranks. 5And all the doors with
their posts were square in the frame;
and light was over against light in
three ranks.

6And he made the porch of pillars:
the length thereof was fifty cubits, and
the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a
porch before them; and pillars and
thick beams before them.

7And he made the porch of the
throne where he might judge, even the
porch of judgment; and it was covered
with cedar from floor to floor.

8And his house where he might
dwell, in the other court, within the
porch, was of the like work. He made
also a house for Pharaoh’s daughter,
whom Solomon had taken to wife, like
unto this porch.

9All these were of costly stones,
according to the measures of hewn
stones, sawed with saws, within and
without, even from the foundation
unto the coping, and so on the outside
unto the great court. 10And the
foundation was of costly stones, even
great stones, stones of ten cubits, and
stones of eight cubits. 11And above
were costly stones, after the measure
of hewn stones, and cedar-wood.
12And the great court round about had
three rows of hewn stone, and a row of
cedar beams, like as the inner court of
the house of the Lord, and the court of
the porch of the house.

13And king Solomon sent and
fetched Hiram out of Tyre. 14He was
the son of a widow of the tribe of
Naphtali, and his father was a man of
Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was
filled with wisdom and understanding
and skill, to work all works in brass.
And he came to king Solomon, and
wrought all his work.

15Thus he fashioned the two pillars
of brass, of eighteen cubits high each;
and a line of twelve cubits did
compass it about; [and so] the other
pillar. 16And he made two capitals of
molten brass, to set upon the tops of
the pillars; the height of the one capital
was five cubits, and the height of the
other capital was five cubits. 17He also
made nets of checker-work, and
wreaths of chain-work, for the capitals
which were upon the top of the pillars:
seven for the one capital, and seven for
the other capital. 18And he made the
pillars; and there were two rows round
about upon the one network, to cover
the capitals that were upon the top of
the pomegranates; and so did he for
the other capital. 19And the capitals
that were upon the top of the pillars in
the porch were of lily-work, four
cubits. 20And there were capitals above
also upon the two pillars, close by the
belly which was beside the network;
and the pomegranates were two
hundred, in rows round about upon
each capital. 21And he set up the pillars

at the porch of the temple; and he set
up the right pillar, and called the name
thereof Jachin; and he set up the left
pillar, and called the name thereof
Boaz. [22]And upon the top of the pillars
was lily-work; so was the work of the
pillars finished.
[23]And he made the molten sea of ten
cubits from brim to brim, round in
compass, and the height thereof was
five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits
did compass it round about. [24]And
under the brim of it round about there
were knops which did compass it, for
ten cubits, compassing the sea round
about; the knops were in two rows,
cast when it was cast. [25]It stood upon
twelve oxen, three looking toward the
north, and three looking toward the
west, and three looking toward the
south, and three looking toward the
east; and the sea was set upon them
above, and all their hinder parts were
inward. [26]And it was a hand-breadth
thick; and the brim thereof was
wrought like the brim of a cup, like the
flower of a lily; it held two thousand
baths.
[27]And he made the ten bases of
brass; four cubits was the length of one
base, and four cubits the breadth
thereof, and three cubits the height of
it. [28]And the work of the bases was on
this manner: they had borders; and
there were borders between the stays;
[29]and on the borders that were between
the stays were lions, oxen, and
cherubim; and upon the stays it was in
like manner above; and beneath the
lions and oxen were wreaths of
hanging work. [30]And every base had
four brazen wheels, and axles of brass;
and the four feet thereof had
undersetters; beneath the laver were
the undersetters molten, with wreaths
at the side of each. [31]And the mouth of
it within the crown and above was a
cubit high; and the mouth thereof was
round after the work of a pedestal, a
cubit and a half; and also upon the
mouth of it were gravings; and their
borders were foursquare, not round.
[32]And the four wheels were underneath
the borders; and the axletrees of the
wheels were in the base; and the height
of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.
[33]And the work of the wheels was like
the work of a chariot wheel; their
axletrees, and their felloes, and their
spokes, and their naves, were all
molten. [34]And there were four
undersetters at the four corners of each
base; the undersetters thereof were of
one piece with the base itself. [35]And in
the top of the base was there a round
compass of half a cubit high; and on
the top of the base the stays thereof
and the borders thereof were of one
piece therewith. [36]And on the plates of
the stays thereof, and on the borders
thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and
palm-trees, according to the space of
each, with wreaths round about.
[37]After this manner he made the ten
bases; all of them had one casting, one
measure, and one form.
[38]And he made ten lavers of brass:
one laver contained forty baths; and

every laver was four cubits; and upon
every one of the ten bases one laver.
[39]And he set the bases, five on the
right side of the house, and five on the
left side of the house; and he set the
sea on the right side of the house
eastward, toward the south.

[40]And [a]Hiram made the pots, and the
shovels, and the basins.

So Hiram made an end of doing all
the work that he wrought for king
Solomon in the house of the LORD:
[41]the two pillars, and the two bowls of
the capitals that were on the top of the
pillars; and the two networks to cover
the two bowls of the capitals that were
on the top of the pillars; [42]and the four
hundred pomegranates for the two
networks, two rows of pomegranates
for each network, to cover the two
bowls of the capitals that were upon
the top of the pillars; [43]and the ten
bases, and the ten lavers on the bases;
[44]and the one sea, and the twelve oxen
under the sea; [45]and the pots, and the
shovels, and the basins; even all these
vessels, which Hiram made for king
Solomon, in the house of the LORD,
were of burnished brass. [46]In the plain
of the Jordan did the king cast them, in
the clay ground between Succoth and
Zarethan. [47]And Solomon left all the
vessels unweighed, because they were
exceeding many; the weight of the
brass could not be found out. [48]And
Solomon made all the vessels that
were in the house of the LORD: the
golden altar, and the table whereupon
the showbread was, of gold; [49]and the
candlesticks, five on the right side, and
five on the left, before the Sanctuary,
of pure gold; and the flowers, and the
lamps, and the tongs, of gold; [50]and the
cups, and the snuffers, and the basins,
and the pans, and the fire-pans, of pure
gold; and the hinges, both for the
doors of the inner house, the most holy
place, and for the doors of the house,
that is, of the temple, of gold.

[51]Thus all the work that king
Solomon wrought in the house of the
LORD was finished. And Solomon
brought in the things which David his
father had dedicated, the silver, and
the gold, and the vessels, and put them
in the treasuries of the house of the
LORD.

8 Then Solomon assembled the
elders of Israel, and all the heads
of the tribes, the princes of the
fathers'houses of the children of Israel,
unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to
bring up the ark of the covenant of the
LORD out of the city of David, which is
Zion. [2]And all the men of Israel
assembled themselves unto king
Solomon at the feast, in the month
Ethanim, which is the seventh month.
[3]And all the elders of Israel came, and
the priests took up the ark. [4]And they
brought up the ark of the LORD, and the
tent of meeting, and all the holy
vessels that were in the Tent; even
these did the priests and the Levites
bring up. [5]And king Solomon and all
the congregation of Israel, that were

[a] Heb. Hirom.

assembled unto him, were with him
before the ark, sacrificing sheep and
oxen, that could not be told nor
numbered for multitude. 6 And the
priests brought in the ark of the
covenant of the LORD unto its place,
into the Sanctuary of the house, to the
most holy place, even under the wings
of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim
spread forth their wings over the place
of the ark, and the cherubim covered
the ark and the staves thereof above.
8 And the staves were so long that the
ends of the staves were seen from the
holy place, even before the Sanctuary;
but they could not be seen without;
and there they are unto this day. 9 There
was nothing in the ark save the two
tables of stone which Moses put there
at Horeb, when the LORD made a
covenant with the children of Israel
when they came out of the land of
Egypt. 10 And it came to pass, when the
priests were come out of the holy
place, that the cloud filled the house of
the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not
stand to minister by reason of the
cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled
the house of the LORD.

12 Then spoke Solomon:

The LORD hath said that He would
dwell in the thick darkness.
13 I have surely built Thee a house of
habitation,
A place for Thee to dwell in for
ever.

14 And the king turned his face about,
and blessed all the congregation of
Israel; and all the congregation of
Israel stood. 15 And he said: ‘Blessed
be the LORD, the God of Israel, who
spoke with His mouth unto David my
father, and hath with His hand fulfilled
it, saying: 16 Since the day that I
brought forth My people Israel out of
Egypt, I chose no city out of all the
tribes of Israel to build a house, that
My name might be there; but I chose
David to be over My people Israel.
17 Now it was in the heart of David my
father to build a house for the name of
the LORD, the God of Israel. 18 But the
LORD said unto David my father:
Whereas it was in thy heart to build a
house for My name, thou didst well
that it was in thy heart; 19 nevertheless
thou shalt not build the house; but thy
son that shall come forth out of thy
loins, he shall build the house for My
name. 20 And the LORD hath established
His word that He spoke; for I am risen
up in the room of David my father, and
sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD
promised, and have built the house for
the name of the LORD, the God of
Israel. 21 And there have I set a place
for the ark, wherein is the covenant of
the LORD, which He made with our
fathers, when He brought them out of
the land of Egypt.’

22 And Solomon stood before the
altar of the LORD in the presence of all
the congregation of Israel, and spread
forth his hands toward heaven; 23 and
he said: ‘O LORD, the God of Israel,
there is no God like Thee, in heaven
above, or on earth beneath; who
keepest covenant and mercy with Thy

servants, that walk before Thee with
all their heart; 24 who hast kept with
Thy servant David my father that
which Thou didst promise him; yea,
Thou spokest with Thy mouth, and
hast fulfilled it with Thy hand, as it is
this day. 25 Now therefore, O Lord, the
God of Israel, keep with Thy servant
David my father that which Thou hast
promised him saying: There shall not
fail thee a man in My sight to sit on
the throne of Israel, if only thy
children take heed to their way, to
walk before Me as thou hast walked
before Me. 26 Now therefore, O God of
Israel, let Thy word, I pray Thee, be
verified, which Thou didst speak unto
Thy servant David my father.

27 But will God in very truth dwell
on the earth? behold, heaven and the
heaven of heavens cannot contain
Thee; how much less this house that I
have builded! 28 Yet have Thou respect
unto the prayer of Thy servant, and to
his supplication, O Lord my God, to
hearken unto the cry and to the prayer
which Thy servant prayeth before
Thee this day; 29 that Thine eyes may
be open toward this house night and
day, even toward the place whereof
Thou hast said: My name shall be
there; to hearken unto the prayer
which Thy servant shall pray toward
this place. 30 And hearken Thou to the
supplication of Thy servant, and of
Thy people Israel, when they shall
pray toward this place; yea, hear Thou
in heaven Thy dwelling-place; and
when Thou hearest, forgive.

31 If a man sin against his neighbour,
and an oath be exacted of him to cause
him to swear, and he come and swear
before Thine altar in this house; 32 then
hear Thou in heaven, and do, and
judge Thy servants, condemning the
wicked, to bring his way upon his own
head; and justifying the righteous, to
give him according to his
righteousness.

33 When Thy people Israel are
smitten down before the enemy, when
they do sin against Thee, if they turn
again to Thee, and confess Thy name,
and pray and make supplication unto
Thee in this house; 34 then hear Thou in
heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy
people Israel, and bring them back
unto the land which Thou gavest unto
their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there
is no rain, when they do sin against
Thee; if they pray toward this place,
and confess Thy name, and turn from
their sin, when Thou dost afflict them;
36 then hear Thou in heaven, and
forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of
Thy people Israel, when Thou teachest
them the good way wherein they
should walk; and send rain upon Thy
land, which Thou hast given to Thy
people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if
there be pestilence, if there be blasting
or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their
enemy besiege them in the land of
their cities; whatsoever plague,
whatsoever sickness there be; 38 what
prayer and supplication soever be

made by any man of all Thy people Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house; 39 then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest—for Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men— 40 that they may fear Thee all the days that they live in the land which Thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning the stranger that is not of Thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for Thy name's sake— 42 for they shall hear of Thy great name, and of Thy mighty hand, and of Thine outstretched arm—when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43 hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to Thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know Thy name, to fear Thee, as doth Thy people Israel, and that they may know that Thy name is called upon this house which I have built.

44 If Thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatsoever way Thou shalt send them, and they pray unto the Lord toward the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Thy name; 45 then hear Thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. 46 If they sin against Thee—for there is no man that sinneth not—and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far off or near; 47 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn back, and make supplication unto Thee in the land of them that carried them captive, saying: We have sinned, and have done iniquitously, we have dealt wickedly; 48 if they return unto Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray unto Thee toward their land, which Thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name; 49 then hear Thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven Thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cause; 50 and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against Thee; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them; 51 for they are Thy people, and Thine inheritance, which Thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron; 52 that Thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of Thy servant, and unto the supplication of Thy people Israel, to hearken unto them whensoever they cry unto Thee. 53 For Thou didst set them apart from among all the peoples of the earth, to be Thine

inheritance, as Thou didst speak by the
hand of Moses Thy servant, when
Thou broughtest our fathers out of
Egypt, O Lord GOD.'
54 And it was so, that when Solomon
had made an end of praying all this
prayer and supplication unto the LORD,
he arose from before the altar of the
LORD, from kneeling on his knees with
his hands spread forth toward heaven.
55 And he stood, and blessed all the
congregation of Israel with a loud
voice, saying: 56 'Blessed be the LORD,
that hath given rest unto His people
Israel, according to all that He
promised; there hath not failed one
word of all His good promise, which
He promised by the hand of Moses His
servant. 57 The LORD our God be with
us, as He was with our fathers; let Him
not leave us, nor forsake us; 58 that He
may incline our hearts unto Him, to
walk in all His ways, and to keep His
commandments, and His statutes, and
His ordinances, which He commanded
our fathers. 59 And let these my words,
wherewith I have made supplication
before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD
our God day and night, that He
maintain the cause of His servant, and
the cause of His people Israel, as every
day shall require; 60 that all the peoples
of the earth may know that the LORD,
He is God; there is none else. 61 Let
your heart therefore be whole with the
LORD our God, to walk in His statutes,
and to keep His commandments, as at
this day.' 62 And the king, and all Israel
with him, offered sacrifice before the
LORD. 63 And Solomon offered for the
sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he
offered unto the LORD, two and twenty
thousand oxen, and a hundred and
twenty thousand sheep. So the king
and all the children of Israel dedicated
the house of the LORD. 64 The same day
did the king hallow the middle of the
court that was before the house of the
LORD; for there he offered the burnt-
offering, and the meal-offering, and
the fat of the peace-offerings; because
the brazen altar that was before the
LORD was too little to receive the
burnt-offering, and the meal-offering,
and the fat of the peace-offerings.
65 So Solomon held the feast at that
time, and all Israel with him, a great
congregation, from the entrance
Hamath unto the Brook of Egypt,
before the LORD our God, seven days
and seven days, even fourteen days.
66 On the eighth day he sent the people
away, and they blessed the king, and
went unto their tents joyful and glad of
heart for all the goodness that the LORD
had shown unto David His servant,
and to Israel His people.

9 And it came to pass, when
Solomon had finished the
building of the house of the LORD, and
the king's house, and all Solomon's
delight which he was pleased to do,
2 that the LORD appeared to Solomon
the second time, as He had appeared
unto him at Gibeon. 3 And the LORD
said unto him: 'I have heard thy prayer
and thy supplication, that thou hast
made before Me: I have hallowed this

house, which thou hast built, to put My
name there for ever; and Mine eyes
and My heart shall be there
perpetually. 4And as for thee, if thou
wilt walk before Me, as David thy
father walked, in integrity of heart, and
in uprightness, to do according to all
that I have commanded thee, and wilt
keep My statutes and Mine ordinances;
5then I will establish the throne of thy
kingdom over Israel for ever;
according as I promised to David thy
father, saying: There shall not fail thee
a man upon the throne of Israel. 6But if
ye shall turn away from following Me,
ye or your children, and not keep My
commandments and My statutes which
I have set before you, but shall go and
serve other gods, and worship them;
7then will I cut off Israel out of the
land which I have given them; and this
house, which I have hallowed for My
name, will I cast out of My sight; and
Israel shall be a proverb and a by word
among all peoples; 8and this house
which is so high [shall become
desolate], and every one that passeth
by it shall be astonished, and shall
hiss; and when they shall say: Why
hath the Lord done thus unto this land,
and to this house? 9they shall be
answered: Because they forsook the
Lord their God, who brought forth
their fathers out of the land of Egypt,
and laid hold on other gods, and
worshipped them, and served them;
therefore hath the Lord brought all this
evil upon them.'

10And it came to pass at the end of
twenty years, wherein Solomon had
built the two houses, the house of the
Lord and the king's house—11now
Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished
Solomon with cedar-trees and cypress-
trees, and with gold, according to all
his desire—that then king Solomon
gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of
Galilee. 12And Hiram came out from
Tyre to see the cities which Solomon
had given him: and they pleased him
not. 13And he said: 'What cities are
these which thou hast given me, my
brother?' And they were called the
land of Cabul, unto this day. 14And
Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents
of gold. 15And this is the account of
the levy which king Solomon raised;
to build the house of the Lord, and his
own house, and Millo, and the wall of
Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo,
and Gezer. 16Pharaoh king of Egypt
had gone up, and taken Gezer, and
burnt it with fire, and slain the
Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and
given it for a portion unto his
daughter, Solomon's wife. 17And
Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon
the nether, 18and Baalath, and Tadmor
in the wilderness, in the land, 19and all
the store-cities that Solomon had, and
the cities for his chariots, and the cities
for his horsemen, and that which
Solomon desired to build for his
pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon,
and in all the land of his dominion.
20All the people that were left of the
Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites,

the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who
were not of the children of Israel;
21even their children that were left
after them in the land, whom the
children of Israel were not able utterly
to destroy, of them did Solomon raise
a levy of bondservants, unto this day.
22But of the children of Israel did
Solomon make no bondservants; but
they were the men of war, and his
servants, and his princes, and his
captains, and rulers of his chariots and
of his horsemen.

23These were the chief officers that
were over Solomon's work, five
hundred and fifty, who bore rule over
the people that wrought in the work.

24But Pharaoh's daughter came up
out of the city of David unto her house
which [Solomon] had built for her;
then did he build Millo.

25And three times in a year did
Solomon offer burnt-offerings and
peace-offerings upon the altar which
he built unto the Lord, offering
thereby, upon the altar that was before
the Lord. So he finished the house.
26And king Solomon made a navy of
ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside
Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in
the land of Edom. 27And Hiram sent in
the navy his servants, shipmen that had
knowledge of the sea, with the
servants of Solomon. 28And they came
to Ophir, and fetched from thence
gold, four hundred and twenty talents,
and brought it to king Solomon.

10 And when the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon
because of the name of the Lord, she
came to prove him with hard
questions. 2And she came to Jerusalem
with a very great train, with camels
that bore spices and gold very much,
and precious stones; and when she was
come to Solomon, she spoke with him
of all that was in her heart. 3And
Solomon told her all her questions;
there was not any thing hid from the
king which he told her not. 4And when
the queen of Sheba had seen all the
wisdom of Solomon, and the house
that he had built, 5and the food of his
table, and the sitting of his servants,
and the attendance of his ministers,
and their apparel, and his cupbearers,
and his burnt-offering which he
offered in the house of the Lord, there
was no more spirit in her. 6And she
said to the king: 'It was a true report
that I heard in mine own land of thine
acts, and of thy wisdom. 7Howbeit I
believed not the words, until I came,
and mine eyes had seen it; and, behold,
the half was not told me; thou hast
wisdom and prosperity exceeding the
fame which I heard. 8Happy are thy
men, happy are these thy servants, that
stand continually before thee, and that
hear thy wisdom. 9Blessed be the Lord
thy God, who delighted in thee, to set
thee on the throne of Israel; because
the Lord loved Israel for ever,
therefore made He thee king, to do
justice and righteousness.' 10And she
gave the king a hundred and twenty
talents of gold, and of spices very
great store, and precious stones; there

came no more such abundance of
spices as these which the queen of
Sheba gave to king Solomon. [11]And
the navy also of Hiram, that brought
gold from Ophir, brought in from
Ophir great plenty of sandal-wood and
precious stones. [12]And the king made
of the sandal-wood pillars for the
house of the Lord, and for the king's
house, harps also and psalteries for the
singers; there came no such sandal-
wood, nor was seen, unto this day.
[13]And king Solomon gave to the queen
of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she
asked, beside that which Solomon
gave her of his royal bounty. So she
turned, and went to her own land, she
and her servants.

[14]Now the weight of gold that came
to Solomon in one year was six
hundred threescore and six talents of
gold, [15]beside that which came of the
merchants, and of the traffic of the
traders, and of all the kings of the
mingled people and of the governors
of the country. [16]And king Solomon
made two hundred targets of beaten
gold: six hundred shekels of gold went
to one target. [17]And he made three
hundred shields of beaten gold: three
pounds of gold went to one shield; and
the king put them in the house of the
forest of Lebanon.

[18]Moreover the king made a great
throne of ivory, and overlaid it with
the finest gold. [19]There were six steps
to the throne, and the top of the throne
was round behind; and there were
arms on either side by the place of the
seat, and two lions standing beside the
arms. [20]And twelve lions stood there
on the one side and on the other upon
the six steps; there was not the like
made in any kingdom.

[21]And all king Solomon's drinking-
vessels were of gold, and all the
vessels of the house of the forest of
Lebanon were of pure gold; none were
of silver; it was nothing accounted of
in the days of Solomon. [22]For the king
had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the
navy of Hiram; once every three years
came the navy of Tarshish, bringing
gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and
peacocks.

[23]So king Solomon exceeded all the
kings of the earth in riches and in
wisdom. [24]And all the earth sought the
presence of Solomon, to hear his
wisdom, which God had put in his
heart. [25]And they brought every man
his present, vessels of silver, and
vessels of gold, and raiment, and
armour, and spices, horses, and mules,
a rate year by year.

[26]And Solomon gathered together
chariots and horsemen; and he had a
thousand and four hundred chariots,
and twelve thousand horsemen, that he
bestowed in the chariot cities, and with
the king at Jerusalem. [27]And the king
made silver to be in Jerusalem as
stones, and cedars made he to be as the
sycamore-trees that are in the
Lowland, for abundance. [28]And the
horses which Solomon had were
brought out of Egypt; also out of
Keveh, the king's merchants buying

them of the men of Keveh at a price.
29And a chariot came up and went out
of Egypt for six hundred shekels of
silver, and a horse for a hundred and
fifty; and so for all the kings of the
Hittites, and for the kings of Aram, did
they bring them out by their means.

11 Now king Solomon loved
many foreign women, besides
the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the
Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites,
Zidonians, and Hittites; 2of the nations
concerning which the LORD said unto
the children of Israel: ‘Ye shall not go
among them, neither shall they come
among you; for surely they will turn
away your heart after their gods’;
Solomon did cleave unto these in love.
3And he had seven hundred wives,
princesses, and three hundred
concubines; and his wives turned away
his heart. 4For it came to pass, when
Solomon was old, that his wives
turned away his heart after other gods;
and his heart was not whole with the
LORD his God, as was the heart of
David his father. 5For Solomon went
after Ashtoreth the goddess of the
Zidonians, and after Milcom the
detestation of the Ammonites. 6And
Solomon did that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD, and went not fully
after the LORD, as did David his father.
7Then did Solomon build a high place
for Chemosh the detestation of Moab,
in the mount that is before Jerusalem,
and for Molech the detestation of the
children of Ammon. 8And so did he for
all his foreign wives, who offered and
sacrificed unto their gods.

9And the LORD was angry with
Solomon, because his heart was turned
away from the LORD, the God of Israel,
who had appeared unto him twice,
10and had commanded him concerning
this thing, that he should not go after
other gods; but he kept not that which
the LORD commanded. 11Wherefore the
LORD said unto Solomon: ‘Forasmuch
as this hath been in thy mind, and thou
hast not kept My covenant and My
statutes, which I have commanded
thee, I will surely rend the kingdom
from thee, and will give it to thy
servant. 12Notwithstanding in thy days
I will not do it, for David thy father’s
sake; but I will rend it out of the hand
of thy son. 13Howbeit I will not rend
away all the kingdom; but I will give
one tribe to thy son; for David My
servant’s sake, and for Jerusalem’s
sake which I have chosen.’

14And the LORD raised up an
adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the
Edomite; he was of the king’s seed in
Edom. 15For it came to pass, when
David was in Edom, and Joab the
captain of the host was gone up to
bury the slain, and had smitten every
male in Edom—16for Joab and all
Israel remained there six months, until
he had cut off every male in Edom—
17that [a]Hadad fled, he and certain
Edomites of his father’s servants with
him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet

[a] Heb. *Adad*.

a little child. 18And they arose out of
Midian, and came to Paran; and they
took men with them out of Paran, and
they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king
of Egypt, who gave him a house, and
appointed him victuals, and gave him
land. 19And Hadad found great favour
in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave
him to wife the sister of his own wife,
the sister of Tahpenes the queen.
20And the sister of Tahpenes bore him
Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes
weaned in Pharaoh's house; and
Genubath was in Pharaoh's house
among the sons of Pharaoh. 21And
when Hadad heard in Egypt that David
slept with his fathers, and that Joab the
captain of the host was dead, Hadad
said to Pharaoh: 'Let me depart, that I
may go to mine own country.' 22Then
Pharaoh said unto him: 'But what hast
thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou
seekest to go to thine own country?'
And he answered: 'Nothing; howbeit
let me depart in any wise.'

23And God raised up another
adversary unto him, Rezon the son of
Eliada, who had fled from his lord
Hadadezer king of Zobah. 24And he
gathered men unto him, and became
captain over a troop, when David slew
them [of Zobah]; and they went to
Damascus, and dwelt therein, and
reigned in Damascus. 25And he was an
adversary to Israel all the days of
Solomon, beside the mischief that
Hadad did; and he abhorred Israel, and
reigned over Aram.

26And Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of
Solomon, whose mother's name was
Zeruah, a widow, he also lifted up his
hand against the king. 27And this was
the cause that he lifted up his hand
against the king: Solomon built Millo,
and repaired the breach of the city of
David his father. 28And the man
Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour;
and Solomon saw the young man that
he was industrious, and he gave him
charge over all the labour of the house
of Joseph. 29And it came to pass at that
time, when Jeroboam went out of
Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the
Shilonite found him in the way; now
Ahijah had clad himself with a new
garment; and they two were alone in
the field. 30And Ahijah laid hold of the
new garment that was on him, and rent
it in twelve pieces. 31And he said to
Jeroboam: 'Take thee ten pieces; for
thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel:
Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of
the hand of Solomon, and will give ten
tribes to thee— 32but he shall have one
tribe, for My servant David's sake, and
for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I
have chosen out of all the tribes of
Israel— 33because that they have
forsaken Me, and have worshipped
Ashtoreth the goddess of the
Zidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab,
and Milcom the god of the children of
Ammon; and they have not walked in
My ways, to do that which is right in
Mine eyes, and to keep My statutes
and Mine ordinances, as did David his

father. [34]Howbeit I will not take the
whole kingdom out of his hand; but I
will make him prince all the days of
his life, for David My servant's sake,
whom I chose, because he kept My
commandments and My statutes; [35]but
I will take the kingdom out of his
son's hand, and will give it unto thee,
even ten tribes. [36]And unto his son will
I give one tribe, that David My servant
may have a lamp alway before Me in
Jerusalem, the city which I have
chosen Me to put My name there.
[37]And I will take thee, and thou shalt
reign over all that thy soul desireth,
and shalt be king over Israel. [38]And it
shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all
that I command thee, and wilt walk in
My ways, and do that which is right in
Mine eyes, to keep My statutes and
My commandments, as David My
servant did, that I will be with thee,
and will build thee a sure house, as I
built for David, and will give Israel
unto thee. [39]And I will for this afflict
the seed of David, but not for ever.'

[40]Solomon sought therefore to kill
Jeroboam; but Jeroboam arose, and
fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of
Egypt, and was in Egypt until the
death of Solomon.

[41]Now the rest of the acts of
Solomon, and all that he did, and his
wisdom, are they not written in the
book of the acts of Solomon? [42]And
the time that Solomon reigned in
Jerusalem over all Israel was forty
years. [43]And Solomon slept with his
fathers, and was buried in the city of
David his father; and Rehoboam his
son reigned in his stead.

12 And Rehoboam went to
Shechem; for all Israel were
come to Shechem to make him king.
[2]And it came to pass, when Jeroboam
the son of Nebat heard of it—for he
was yet in Egypt, whither he had fled
from the presence of king Solomon,
and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt, [3]and
they sent and called him—that
Jeroboam and all the congregation of
Israel came, and spoke unto
Rehoboam, saying: [4]'Thy father made
our yoke grievous; now therefore
make thou the grievous service of thy
father, and his heavy yoke which he
put upon us, lighter, and we will serve
thee.' [5]And he said unto them: 'Depart
yet for three days, then come again to
me.' And the people departed.

[6]And king Rehoboam took counsel
with the old men, that had stood before
Solomon his father while he yet lived,
saying: 'What counsel give ye me to
return answer to this people?' [7]And
they spoke unto him, saying: 'If thou
wilt be a servant unto this people this
day, and wilt serve them, and answer
them, and speak good words to them,
then they will be thy servants for
ever.' [8]But he forsook the counsel of
the old men which they had given him,
and took counsel with the young men
that were grown up with him, that
stood before him. [9]And he said unto
them: 'What counsel give ye, that we
may return answer to this people, who
have spoken to me, saying: Make the

yoke that thy father did put upon us lighter?' [10]And the young men that were grown up with him spoke unto him, saying: 'Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spoke unto thee, saying: Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou speak unto them: My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. [11]And now whereas my father did burden you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'

[12]So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king bade, saying: 'Come to me again the third day.' [13]And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him; [14]and spoke to them after the counsel of the young men, saying: 'My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.' [15]So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was a thing brought about of the Lord, that He might establish His word, which the Lord spoke by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. [16]And when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying: 'What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel; now see to thine own house, David.' So Israel departed unto their tents. [17]But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. [18]Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the levy; and all Israel stoned him with stones, so that he died. And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. [19]So Israel rebelled against the house of David, unto this day. [20]And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel; there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. [21]And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, be assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men that were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. [22]But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying: [23]'Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying: [24]Thus saith the Lord: Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel; return every man to his house; for this thing is of Me.' So they hearkened unto the word of the Lord, and returned and went their way, according to the word of the Lord.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart: ‘Now will the kingdom return to the house of David. 27 If this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people turn back unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah.’ 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said unto them: ‘Ye have gone up long enough to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.’ 29 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. 31 And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, that were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he went up unto the altar; so did he in Beth-el, to sacrifice unto the calves that he had made; and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. 33 And he went up unto the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up unto the altar, to offer.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Beth-el; and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to offer. 2 And he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said: ‘O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD: Behold, a son shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that offer upon thee, and men’s bones shall they burn upon thee.’ 3 And he gave a sign the same day saying: ‘This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.’ 4 And it came to pass, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Beth-el, that Jeroboam put forth his hand from the altar, saying: ‘Lay hold on him.’ And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to him. 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. 6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God: ‘Entreat now the favour of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me.’ And the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king’s hand was restored him, and became as it was before. 7 And the king said unto the man of God: ‘Come

home with me, and refresh thyself, and
I will give thee a reward.’ [8]And the
man of God said unto the king: ‘If
thou wilt give me half thy house, I will
not go in with thee, neither will I eat
bread nor drink water in this place.
[9]For it so was charged me by the word
of the LORD, saying: Thou shalt eat no
bread, nor drink water, neither return
by the way that thou camest.’ [10]So he
went another way, and returned not by
the way that he came to Beth-el.

[11]Now there dwelt an old prophet in
Beth-el; and one of his sons came and
told him all the works that the man of
God had done that day in Beth-el, and
the words which he had spoken unto
the king, and they told them unto their
father. [12]And their father said unto
them: ‘What way went he?’ For his
sons had seen what way the man of
God went, that came from Judah.
[13]And he said unto his sons: ‘Saddle
me the ass.’ So they saddled him the
ass; and he rode thereon. [14]And he
went after the man of God, and found
him sitting under a terebinth; and he
said unto him: ‘Art thou the man of
God that camest from Judah?’ And he
said: ‘I am.’ [15]Then he said unto him:
‘Come home with me, and eat bread.’
[16]And he said: ‘I may not return with
thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I
eat bread nor drink water with thee in
this place. [17]For it was said to me by
the word of the LORD: Thou shalt eat
no bread nor drink water there, nor
turn back to go by the way that thou
camest.’ [18]And he said unto him: ‘I
also am a prophet as thou art; and an
angel spoke unto me by the word of
the LORD, saying: Bring him back with
thee into thy house, that he may eat
bread and drink water.’—He lied unto
him.—[19]So he went back with him,
and did eat bread in his house, and
drank water.

[20]And it came to pass, as they sat at
the table, that the word of the LORD
came unto the prophet that brought
him back. [21]And he cried unto the man
of God that came from Judah, saying:
‘Thus saith the LORD: Forasmuch as
thou hast rebelled against the word of
the LORD, and hast not kept the
commandment which the LORD thy
God commanded thee, [22]but camest
back, and hast eaten bread and drunk
water in the place of which He said to
thee: Eat no bread, and drink no water;
thy carcass shall not come unto the
sepulchre of thy fathers.’ [23]And it
came to pass, after he had eaten bread,
and after he had drunk, that he saddled
for him the ass, namely, for the
prophet whom he had brought back.
[24]And when he was gone, a lion met
him by the way, and slew him; and his
carcass was cast in the way, and the
ass stood by it; the lion also stood by
the carcass. [25]And, behold, men passed
by, and saw the carcass cast in the
way, and the lion standing by the
carcass; and they came and told it in
the city where the old prophet dwelt.

[26]And when the prophet that brought
him back from the way heard thereof,
he said: ‘It is the man of God, who

rebelled against the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which He spoke unto him.' [27]And he spoke to his sons, saying: 'Saddle me the ass.' And they saddled it. [28]And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass; the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass. [29]And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back; and he came to the city of the old prophet, to lament, and to bury him. [30]And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they made lamentation for him: 'Alas, my brother! ' [31]And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying: 'When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. [32]For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.'

[33]After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again from among all the people priests of the high places; whosoever would, he consecrated him, that he might be one of the priests of the high places. [34]And by this thing there was sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. [2]And Jeroboam said to his wife: 'Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh; behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, who spoke concerning me that I should be king over this people. [3]And take with thee ten loaves, and biscuits, and a cruse of honey, and go to him; he will tell thee what shall become of the child.' [4]And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. [5]Now the LORD had said unto Ahijah: 'Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son; for he is sick; thus and thus shalt thou say unto her; for it will be, when she cometh in, that she will feign herself to be another woman.'

[6]And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said: 'Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. [7]Go, tell Jeroboam: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over My people Israel, [8]and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee; and yet thou hast not been as My servant David, who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his

heart, to do that only which was right
in Mine eyes; 9but hast done evil
above all that were before thee, and
hast gone and made thee other gods,
and molten images, to provoke Me,
and hast cast Me behind thy back;
10therefore, behold, I will bring evil
upon the house of Jeroboam, and will
cut off from Jeroboam every man-
child, and him that is shut up and him
that is left at large in Israel, and will
utterly sweep away the house of
Jeroboam, as a man sweepeth away
dung, till it be all gone. 11Him that
dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the
dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field
shall the fowls of the air eat; for the
Lord hath spoken it. 12Arise thou
therefore, get thee to thy house; and
when thy feet enter into the city, the
child shall die. 13And all Israel shall
make lamentation for him, and bury
him; for he only of Jeroboam shall
come to the grave; because in him
there is found some good thing toward
the Lord, the God of Israel, in the
house of Jeroboam. 14Moreover the
Lord will raise Him up a king over
Israel, who shall cut off the house of
Jeroboam that day. But what is it even
then? 15for the Lord will smite Israel,
as a reed is shaken in the water; and
He will root up Israel out of this good
land, which He gave to their fathers,
and will scatter them beyond the
River; because they have made their
Asherim, provoking the Lord. 16And
He will give Israel up because of the
sins of Jeroboam, which he hath
sinned, and wherewith he hath made
Israel to sin.'

17And Jeroboam's wife arose, and
departed, and came to Tirzah; and as
she came to the threshold of the house,
the child died. 18And all Israel buried
him, and made lamentation for him;
according to the word of the Lord,
which He spoke by the hand of His
servant Ahijah the prophet.

19And the rest of the acts of
Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he
reigned, behold, they are written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel. 20And the days which Jeroboam
reigned were two and twenty years;
and he slept with his fathers, and
Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21And Rehoboam the son of
Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam
was forty and one years old when he
began to reign, and he reigned
seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city
which the Lord had chosen out of all
the tribes of Israel, to put His name
there; and his mother's name was
Naamah the Ammonitess. 22And Judah
did that which was evil in the sight of
the Lord; and they moved Him to
jealousy with their sins which they
committed, above all that their fathers
had done. 23For they also built them
high places, and pillars, and Asherim,
on every high hill, and under every
leafy tree; 24and there were also
sodomites in the land; they did
according to all the abominations of
the nations which the Lord drove out
before the children of Israel.

[25]And it came to pass in the fifth
year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak
king of Egypt came up against
Jerusalem; [26]and he took away the
treasures of the house of the LORD, and
the treasures of the king’s house; he
even took away all; and he took away
all the shields of gold which Solomon
had made. [27]And king Rehoboam
made in their stead shields of brass,
and committed them to the hands of
the captains of the guard, who kept the
door of the king’s house. [28]And it was
so, that as oft as the king went into the
house of the LORD, the guard bore
them, and brought them back into the
guard-chamber.

[29]Now the rest of the acts of
Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah?
[30]And there was war between
Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.
[31]And Rehoboam slept with his
fathers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David; and his mother’s
name was Naamah the Ammonitess.
And Abijam his son reigned in his
stead.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of
king Jeroboam the son of
Nebat began Abijam to reign over
Judah. [2]Three years reigned he in
Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was
Maacah the daughter of Abishalom.
[3]And he walked in all the sins of his
father, which he had done before him;
and his heart was not whole with the
LORD his God, as the heart of David his
father. [4]Nevertheless for David’s sake
did the LORD his God give him a lamp
in Jerusalem, to set up his son after
him, and to establish Jerusalem;
[5]because David did that which was
right in the eyes of the LORD, and
turned not aside from any thing that
He commanded him all the days of his
life, save only in the matter of Uriah
the Hittite. [6]Now there was war
between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all
the days of his life.

[7]And the rest of the acts of Abijam,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Judah? And there was war
between Abijam and Jeroboam. [8]And
Abijam slept with his fathers; and they
buried him in the city of David; and
Asa his son reigned in his stead.

[9]And in the twentieth year of
Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to
reign over Judah. [10]And forty and one
years reigned he in Jerusalem; and his
mother’s name was Maacah the
daughter of Abishalom. [11]And Asa did
that which was right in the eyes of the
LORD, as did David his father. [12]And he
put away the sodomites out of the
land, and removed all the idols that his
fathers had made. [13]And also Maacah
his mother he removed from being
queen, because she had made an
abominable image for an Asherah; and
Asa cut down her image, and burnt it
at the brook Kidron. [14]But the high
places were not taken away;
nevertheless the heart of Asa was
whole with the LORD all his days.

15 And he brought into the house of the
Lord the things that his father had
hallowed, and the things that himself
had hallowed, silver, and gold, and
vessels.
16 And there was war between Asa
and Baasa king of Israel all their days.
17 And Baasa king of Israel went up
against Judah, and built Ramah, that
he might not suffer any to go out or
come in to Asa king of Judah. 18 Then
Asa took all the silver and the gold
that were left in the treasures of the
house of the Lord, and the treasures of
the king's house, and delivered them
into the hand of his servants; and king
Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son
of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king
of Aram, that dwelt at Damascus,
saying: 19 'There is a league between
me and thee, between my father and
thy father; behold, I have sent unto
thee a present of silver and gold; go,
break thy league with Baasa king of
Israel, that he may depart from me.'
20 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king
Asa, and sent the captains of his
armies against the cities of Israel, and
smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-
maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all
the land of Naphtali. 21 And it came to
pass, when Baasa heard thereof, that
he left off building Ramah, and dwelt
in Tirzah. 22 Then king Asa made a
proclamation unto all Judah; none was
exempted; and they carried away the
stones of Ramah, and the timber
thereof, wherewith Baasa had builded;
and king Asa built therewith Geba of
Benjamin, and Mizpah.
23 Now the rest of all the acts of Asa,
and all his might, and all that he did,
and the cities which he built, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? But
in the time of his old age he was
diseased in his feet. 24 And Asa slept
with his fathers, and was buried with
his fathers in the city of David his
father; and Jehoshaphat his son
reigned in his stead.
25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam
began to reign over Israel in the
second year of Asa king of Judah, and
he reigned over Israel two years. 26 And
he did that which was evil in the sight
of the Lord, and walked in the way of
his father, and in his sin wherewith he
made Israel to sin. 27 And Baasa the son
of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar,
conspired against him; and Baasa
smote him at Gibbethon, which
belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab
and all Israel were laying siege to
Gibbethon. 28 Even in the third year of
Asa king of Judah did Baasa slay him,
and reigned in his stead. 29 And it came
to pass that, as soon as he was king, he
smote all the house of Jeroboam; he
left not to Jeroboam any that breathed,
until he had destroyed him; according
unto the saying of the Lord, which He
spoke by the hand of His servant
Ahijah the Shilonite; 30 for the sins of
Jeroboam which he sinned, and
wherewith he made Israel to sin;
because of his provocation wherewith

he provoked the LORD, the God of
Israel.
31 Now the rest of the acts of Nadab
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel? 32 And there was war
between Asa and Baasa king of Israel
all their days.
33 In the third year of Asa king of
Judah began Baasa the son of Ahijah
to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, and
reigned twenty and four years. 34 And
he did that which was evil in the sight
of the LORD, and walked in the way of
Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he
made Israel to sin.

16 And the word of the LORD
came to Jehu the son of
Hanani against Baasa, saying:
2 'Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of
the dust, and made thee prince over
My people Israel; and thou hast
walked in the way of Jeroboam, and
hast made My people Israel to sin, to
provoke Me with their sins; 3 behold, I
will utterly sweep away Baasa and his
house; and I will make thy house like
the house of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat. 4 Him that dieth of Baasa in the
city shall the dogs eat; and him that
dieth of his in the field shall the fowls
of the air eat.'
5 Now the rest of the acts of Baasa,
and what he did, and his might, are
they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel? 6 And
Baasa slept with his fathers, and was
buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son
reigned in his stead.
7 And moreover by the hand of the
prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came
the word of the LORD against Baasa,
and against his house, both because of
all the evil that he did in the sight of
the LORD, to provoke Him with the
work of his hands, in being like the
house of Jeroboam, and because he
smote him.
8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa
king of Judah began Elah the son of
Baasa to reign over Israel in Tirzah,
and reigned two years. 9 And his
servant Zimri, captain of half his
chariots, conspired against him; now
he was in Tirzah, drinking himself
drunk in the house of Arza, who was
over the household in Tirzah; 10 and
Zimri went in and smote him, and
killed him, in the twenty and seventh
year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned
in his stead. 11 And it came to pass,
when he began to reign, as soon as he
sat on his throne, that he smote all the
house of Baasa; he left him not a
single man-child, neither of his
kinsfolks, nor of his friends. 12 Thus did
Zimri destroy all the house of Baasa,
according to the word of the LORD,
which He spoke against Baasa by Jehu
the prophet, 13 for all the sins of Baasa,
and the sins of Elah his son, which
they sinned, and wherewith they made
Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the
God of Israel, with their vanities.
14 Now the rest of the acts of Elah,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Israel?

[15]In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. [16]And the people that were encamped heard say: ‘Zimri hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king’; wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. [17]And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. [18]And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the castle of the king’s house, and burnt the king’s house over him with fire, and died; [19]for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin.

[20]Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

[21]Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri.

[22]But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath; so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. [23]In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, and reigned twelve years; six years reigned he in Tirzah. [24]And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria. [25]And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and dealt wickedly above all that were before him. [26]For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, with their vanities.

[27]Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [28]And Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

[29]And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. [30]And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. [31]And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. [32]And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. [33]And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke the LORD, the God of

Israel, than all the kings of Israel that
were before him.

[34]In his days did Hiel the Bethelite
build Jericho; with Abiram his first-
born he laid the foundation thereof,
and with his youngest son Segub he set
up the gates thereof; according to the
word of the LORD, which He spoke by
the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.

17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who
was of the settlers of Gilead,
said unto Ahab: 'As the LORD, the God
of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand,
there shall not be dew nor rain these
years, but according to my word.'
[2]And the word of the LORD came unto
him, saying: [3]'Get thee hence, and turn
thee eastward, and hide thyself by the
brook Cherith, that is before the
Jordan. [4]And it shall be, that thou shalt
drink of the brook; and I have
commanded the ravens to feed thee
there.' [5]So he went and did according
unto the word of the LORD; for he went
and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is
before the Jordan. [6]And the ravens
brought him bread and flesh in the
morning, and bread and flesh in the
evening; and he drank of the brook.
[7]And it came to pass after a while, that
the brook dried up, because there was
no rain in the land.

[8]And the word of the LORD came
unto him, saying: [9]'Arise, get thee to
Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon,
and dwell there; behold, I have
commanded a widow there to sustain
thee.' [10]So he arose and went to
Zarephath; and when he came to the
gate of the city, behold, a widow was
there gathering sticks; and he called to
her, and said: 'Fetch me, I pray thee, a
little water in a vessel, that I may
drink.' [11]And as she was going to fetch
it, he called to her, and said: 'Bring
me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in
thy hand.' [12]And she said: 'As the
LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake,
only a handful of meal in the jar, and a
little oil in the cruse; and, behold, I am
gathering two sticks, that I may go in
and dress it for me and my son, that
we may eat it, and die.' [13]And Elijah
said unto her: 'Fear not; go and do as
thou hast said; but make me thereof a
little cake first, and bring it forth unto
me, and afterward make for thee and
for thy son. [14]For thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel: The jar of meal shall
not be spent, neither shall the cruse of
oil fail, until the day that the LORD
sendeth rain upon the land.' [15]And she
went and did according to the saying
of Elijah; and she, and he, and her
house, did eat many days. [16]The jar of
meal was not spent, neither did the
cruse of oil fail, according to the word
of the LORD, which He spoke by Elijah.

[17]And it came to pass after these
things, that the son of the woman, the
mistress of the house, fell sick; and his
sickness was so sore, that there was no
breath left in him. [18]And she said unto
Elijah: 'What have I to do with thee, O
thou man of God? art thou come unto
me to bring my sin to remembrance,
and to slay my son?' [19]And he said
unto her: 'Give me thy son.' And he

took him out of her bosom, and carried
him up into the upper chamber, where
he abode, and laid him upon his own
bed. 20And he cried unto the LORD, and
said: ‘O LORD my God, hast Thou also
brought evil upon the widow with
whom I sojourn, by slaying her son?’
21And he stretched himself upon the
child three times, and cried unto the
LORD, and said: ‘O LORD my God, I
pray thee, let this child’s soul come
back into him.’ 22And the LORD
hearkened unto the voice of Elijah;
and the soul of the child came back
into him, and he revived. 23And Elijah
took the child, and brought him down
out of the upper chamber into the
house, and delivered him unto his
mother; and Elijah said: ‘See, thy son
liveth.’ 24And the woman said to
Elijah: ‘Now I know that thou art a
man of God, and that the word of the
LORD in thy mouth is truth.’

18 And it came to pass after many
days, that the word of the LORD
came to Elijah, in the third year,
saying: ‘Go, show thyself unto Ahab,
and I will send rain upon the land.’
2And Elijah went to show himself unto
Ahab.

And the famine was sore in
Samaria. 3And Ahab called Obadiah,
who was over the household.—Now
Obadiah feared the LORD greatly; 4for
it was so, when Jezebel cut off the
prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah
took a hundred prophets, and hid them
fifty in a cave, and fed them with
bread and water.— 5And Ahab said
unto Obadiah: ‘Go through the land,
unto all the springs of water, and unto
all the brooks; peradventure we may
find grass and save the horses and
mules alive, that we lose not all the
beasts.’ 6So they divided the land
between them to pass throughout it:
Ahab went one way by himself, and
Obadiah went another way by himself.

7And as Obadiah was in the way,
behold, Elijah met him; and he knew
him, and fell on his face, and said: ‘Is
it thou, my lord Elijah?’ 8And he
answered him: ‘It is I; go, tell thy lord:
Behold, Elijah is here.’ 9And he said:
‘Wherein have I sinned, that thou
wouldest deliver thy servant into the
hand of Ahab, to slay me? 10As the
LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation
or kingdom, whither my lord hath not
sent to seek thee; and when they said:
He is not here, he took an oath of the
kingdom and nation, that they found
thee not. 11And now thou sayest: Go,
tell thy lord: Behold, Elijah is here.
12And it will come to pass, as soon as I
am gone from thee, that the spirit of
the LORD will carry thee whither I
know not; and so when I come and tell
Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he will
slay me; but I thy servant fear the LORD
from my youth. 13Was it not told my
lord what I did when Jezebel slew the
prophets of the LORD, how I hid a
hundred men of the LORD’S prophets
by fifty in a cave, and fed them with
bread and water? 14And now thou
sayest: Go, tell thy lord: Behold, Elijah
is here; and he will slay me.’ 15And

Elijah said: ‘As the LORD of hosts
liveth, before whom I stand, I will
surely show myself unto him to-day.’
[16]So Obadiah went to meet Ahab,
and told him; and Ahab went to meet
Elijah. [17]And it came to pass, when
Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto
him: ‘Is it thou, thou troubler of
Israel?’ [18]And be answered: ‘I have not
troubled Israel; but thou, and thy
father’s house, in that ye have forsaken
the commandments of the LORD, and
thou hast followed the Baalim. [19]Now
therefore send, and gather to me all
Israel unto mount Carmel, and the
prophets of Baal four hundred and
fifty, and the prophets of the Asherah
four hundred, that eat at Jezebel’s
table.’

[20]And Ahab sent unto all the
children of Israel, and gathered the
prophets together unto mount Carmel.
[21]And Elijah came near unto all the
people, and said: ‘How long halt ye
between two opinions? if the LORD be
God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow
him.’ And the people answered him
not a word. [22]Then said Elijah unto the
people: ‘I, even I only, am left a
prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s
prophets are four hundred and fifty
men. [23]Let them therefore give us two
bullocks; and let them choose one
bullock for themselves, and cut it in
pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put
no fire under; and I will dress the other
bullock, and lay it on the wood, and
put no fire under. [24]And call ye on the
name of your god, and I will call on
the name of the LORD; and the God that
answereth by fire, let him be God.’
And all the people answered and said:
‘It is well spoken.’

[25]And Elijah said unto the prophets
of Baal: ‘Choose you one bullock for
yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are
many; and call on the name of your
god, but put no fire under.’ [26]And they
took the bullock which was given
them, and they dressed it, and called
on the name of Baal from morning
even until noon, saying: ‘O Baal,
answer us.’ But there was no voice,
nor any that answered. And they
danced in halting wise about the altar
which was made. [27]And it came to pass
at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and
said: ‘Cry aloud; for he is a god; either
he is musing, or he is gone aside, or he
is in a journey, or peradventure he
sleepeth, and must be awaked.’ [28]And
they cried aloud, and cut themselves
after their manner with swords and
lances, till the blood gushed out upon
them. [29]And it was so, when midday
was past, that they prophesied until the
time of the offering of the evening
offering; but their was neither voice,
nor any to answer, nor any that
regarded.

[30]And Elijah said unto all the
people: ‘Come near unto me’; and all
the people came near unto him. And
he repaired the altar of the LORD that
was thrown down. [31]And Elijah took
twelve stones, according to the number
of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto
whom the word of the LORD came,

saying: 'Israel shall be thy name.'
32 And with the stones he built an altar
in the name of the Lord; and he made
a trench about the altar, as great as
would contain two measures of seed.
33 And he put the wood in order, and
cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on
the wood. 34 And he said: 'Fill four jars
with water, and pour it on the burnt-
offering, and on the wood.' And he
said: 'Do it the second time'; and they
did it the second time. And he said:
'Do it the third time'; and they did it
the third time. 35 And the water ran
round about the altar; and he filled the
trench also with water. 36 And it came
to pass at the time of the offering of
the evening offering, that Elijah the
prophet came near, and said: 'O Lord,
the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of
Israel, let it be known this day that
Thou art God in Israel, and that I am
Thy servant, and that I have done all
these things at Thy word. 37 Hear me, O
Lord, hear me, that this people may
know that Thou, Lord, art God, for
Thou didst turn their heart backward.'
38 Then the fire of the Lord fell, and
consumed the burnt-offering, and the
wood, and the stones, and the dust, and
licked up the water that was in the
trench. 39 And when all the people saw
it, they fell on their faces; and they
said: 'The Lord, He is God; the Lord,
He is God.' 40 And Elijah said unto
them: 'Take the prophets of Baal; let
not one of them escape.' And they
took them; and Elijah brought them
down to the brook Kishon, and slew
them there.

41 And Elijah said unto Ahab: 'Get
thee up, eat and drink; for there is the
sound of abundance of rain.' 42 So
Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And
Elijah went up to the top of Carmel;
and he bowed himself down upon the
earth, and put his face between his
knees. 43 And he said to his servant:
'Go up now, look toward the sea.' And
he went up, and looked, and said:
'There is nothing.' And he said: 'Go
again seven times.' 44 And it came to
pass at the seventh time, that he said:
'Behold, there ariseth a cloud out of
the sea, as small as a man's hand.'
And he said: 'Go up, say unto Ahab:
Make ready thy chariot, and get thee
down, that the rain stop thee not.'
45 And it came to pass in a little while,
that the heaven grew black with clouds
and wind, and there was a great rain.
And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.
46 And the hand of the Lord was on
Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and
ran before Ahab to the entrance of
Jezreel.

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that
Elijah had done, and withal
how he had slain all the prophets with
the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a
messenger unto Elijah, saying: 'So let
the gods do [to me], and more also, if I
make not thy life as the life of one of
them by to-morrow about this time.'
3 And when he saw that, he arose, and
went for his life, and came to Beer-
sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and

left his servant there. [4]But he himself
went a day's journey into the
wilderness, and came and sat down
under a broom-tree; and he requested
for himself that he might die; and said:
'It is enough; now, O Lord, take away
my life; for I am not better than my
fathers.' [5]And he lay down and slept
under a broom-tree; and, behold, an
angel touched him, and said unto him:
'Arise and eat.' [6]And he looked, and,
behold, there was at his head a cake
baked on the hot stones, and a cruse of
water. And he did eat and drink, and
laid him down again. [7]And the angel of
the Lord came again the second time,
and touched him, and said: 'Arise and
eat; because the journey is too great
for thee.' [8]And he arose, and did eat
and drink, and went in the strength of
that meal forty days and forty nights
unto Horeb the mount of God.

[9]And he came thither unto a cave,
and lodged there; and, behold, the
word of the Lord came to him, and He
said unto him: 'What doest thou here,
Elijah?' [10]And he said: 'I have been
very jealous for the Lord, the God of
hosts; for the children of Israel have
forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down
Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets
with the sword; and I, even I only, am
left; and they seek my life, to take it
away.' [11]And He said: 'Go forth, and
stand upon the mount before the
Lord.' And, behold, the Lord passed
by, and a great and strong wind rent
the mountains, and broke in pieces the
rocks before the Lord; but the Lord
was not in the wind; and after the wind
an earthquake; but the Lord was not in
the earthquake; [12]and after the
earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not
in the fire; and after the fire a still
small voice. [13]And it was so, when
Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his
face in his mantle, and went out, and
stood in the entrance of the cave. And,
behold, there came a voice unto him,
and said: 'What doest thou here,
Elijah?' [14]And he said: 'I have been
very jealous for the Lord, the God of
hosts; for the children of Israel have
forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down
Thine altars, and slain Thy prophets
with the sword; and I, even I only, am
left; and they seek my life, to take it
away.'

[15]And the Lord said unto him: 'Go,
return on thy way to the wilderness of
Damascus; and when thou comest,
thou shalt anoint Hazael to be king
over Aram; [16]and Jehu the son of
Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king
over Israel; and Elisha the son of
Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou
anoint to be prophet in thy room.
[17]And it shall come to pass, that him
that escapeth from the sword of Hazael
shall Jehu slay; and him that escapeth
from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha
slay. [18]Yet will I leave seven thousand
in Israel, all the knees which have not
bowed unto Baal, and every mouth
which hath not kissed him.'

[19]So he departed thence, and found
Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was
plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen

before him, and he with the twelfth;
and Elijah passed over unto him, and
cast his mantle upon him. [20]And he left
the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said:
'Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father
and my mother, and then I will follow
thee.' And he said unto him: 'Go back;
for what have I done to thee?' [21]And
he returned from following him, and
took the yoke of oxen, and slew them,
and boiled their flesh with the
instruments of the oxen, and gave unto
the people, and they did eat. Then he
arose, and went after Elijah, and
ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of
Aram gathered all his host
together; and there were thirty and two
kings with him, and horses and
chariots; and he went up and besieged
Samaria, and fought against it. [2]And he
sent messengers to Ahab king of
Israel, into the city, [3]and said unto
him: 'Thus saith Ben-hadad: Thy
silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives
also and thy children, even the
goodliest, are mine.' [4]And the king of
Israel answered and said: 'It is
according to thy saying, my lord, O
king: I am thine, and all that I have.'
[5]And the messengers came again, and
said: 'Thus speaketh Ben-hadad,
saying: I sent indeed unto thee, saying:
Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and
thy gold, and thy wives, and thy
children; [6]but I will send my servants
unto thee tomorrow about this time,
and they shall search thy house, and
the houses of thy servants; and it shall
be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine
eyes, they shall put it in their hand,
and take it away.'

[7]Then the king of Israel called all
the elders of the land, and said: 'Mark,
I pray you, and see how this man
seeketh mischief; for he sent unto me
for my wives, and for my children, and
for my silver, and for my gold; and I
denied him not.' [8]And all the elders
and all the people said unto him:
'Hearken thou not, neither consent.'
[9]Wherefore he said unto the
messengers of Ben-hadad: 'Tell my
lord the king: All that thou didst send
for to thy servant at the first I will do;
but this thing I may not do.' And the
messengers departed, and brought him
back word. [10]And Ben-hadad sent unto
him, and said: 'The gods do so unto
me, and more also, if the dust of
Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for
all the people that follow me.' [11]And
the king of Israel answered and said:
'Tell him: Let not him that girdeth on
his armour boast himself as he that
putteth it off.' [12]And it came to pass,
when [Ben-hadad] heard this message,
as he was drinking, he and the kings,
in the booths, that he said unto his
servants: 'Set yourselves in array.'
And they set themselves in array
against the city.

[13]And, behold, a prophet came near
unto Ahab king of Israel, and said:
'Thus saith the LORD: Hast thou seen
all this great multitude? behold, I will
deliver it into thy hand this day; and
thou shalt know that I am the LORD.'

[14]And Ahab said: 'By whom?' And he
said: 'Thus saith the Lord: By the
young men of the princes of the
provinces.' Then he said: 'Who shall
begin the battle?' And he answered:
'Thou.' [15]Then he numbered the young
men of the princes of the provinces,
and they were two hundred and thirty-
two; and after them he numbered all
the people, even all the children of
Israel, being seven thousand.

[16]And they went out at noon. But
Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk
in the booths, he and the kings, the
thirty and two kings that helped him.
[17]And the young men of the princes of
the provinces went out first; and Ben-
hadad sent out, and they told him,
saying: 'There are men come out from
Samaria.' [18]And he said: 'Whether
they are come out for peace, take them
alive; or whether they are come out for
war, take them alive.' [19]So these went
out of the city, the young men of the
princes of the provinces, and the army
which followed them. [20]And they slew
every one his man; and the Arameans
fled, and Israel pursued them; and
Ben-hadad the king of Aram escaped
on a horse with horsemen. [21]And the
king of Israel went out, and smote the
horses and chariots, and slew the
Arameans with a great slaughter.
[22]And the prophet came near to the
king of Israel, and said unto him: 'Go,
strengthen thyself, and mark, and see
what thou doest; for at the return of the
year the king of Aram will come up
against thee.'

[23]And the servants of the king of
Aram said unto him: 'Their God is a
God of the hills; therefore they were
stronger than we; but let us fight
against them in the plain, and surely
we shall be stronger than they. [24]And
do this thing: take the kings away,
every man out of his place, and put
governors in their room: [25]and number
thee an army, like the army that thou
hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot
for chariot; and we will fight against
them in the plain, and surely we shall
be stronger than they.' And he
hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

[26]And it came to pass at the return of
the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the
Arameans, and went up to Aphek, to
fight against Israel. [27]And the children
of Israel were mustered, and were
victualled, and went against them; and
the children of Israel encamped before
them like two little flocks of kids; but
the Arameans filled the country. [28]And
a man of God came near and spoke
unto the king of Israel, and said: 'Thus
saith the Lord: Because the Arameans
have said: The Lord is a God of the
hills, but he is not a God of the
valleys; therefore will I deliver all this
great multitude into thy hand, and ye
shall know that I am the Lord.' [29]And
they encamped one over against the
other seven days. And so it was, that in
the seventh day the battle was joined;
and the children of Israel slew of the
Arameans a hundred thousand
footmen in one day. [30]But the rest fled
to Aphek, into the city; and the wall

fell upon twenty and seven thousand
men that were left. And Ben-hadad
fled, and came into the city, into an
inner chamber.
31 And his servants said unto him:
‘Behold now, we have heard that the
kings of the house of Israel are
merciful kings; let us, we pray thee,
put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes
upon our heads, and go out to the king
of Israel; peradventure he will save thy
life.’ 32 So they girded sackcloth on
their loins, and put ropes on their
heads, and came to the king of Israel,
and said: ‘Thy servant Ben-hadad
saith: I pray thee, let me live.’ And he
said: ‘Is he yet alive? he is my
brother.’ 33 Now the men took it for a
sign, and hastened to catch it from
him; and they said: ‘Thy brother Ben-
hadad.’ Then he said: ‘Go ye, bring
him.’ Then Ben-hadad came forth to
him; and he caused him to come up
into his chariot. 34 And [Ben-hadad]
said unto him: ‘The cities which my
father took from thy father I will
restore; and thou shalt make streets for
thee in Damascus, as my father made
in Samaria.’ ’And I , said Ahab, will
let thee go with this covenant.’ So he
made a covenant with him, and let him
go.
35 And a certain man of the sons of
the prophets said unto his fellow by
the word of the Lord: ‘Smite me, I
pray thee.’ And the man refused to
smite him. 36 Then said he unto him:
‘Because thou hast not heartened to
the voice of the Lord, behold, as soon
as thou art departed from me, a lion
shall slay thee.’ And as soon as he was
departed from him, a lion found him;
and slew him. 37 Then he found another
man, and said: ‘Smite me, I pray thee.’
And the man smote him, smiting and
wounding him. 38 So the prophet
departed, and waited for the king by
the way, and disguised himself with
his headband over his eyes. 39 And as
the king passed by, he cried unto the
king; and he said: ‘Thy servant went
out into the midst of the battle; and,
behold, a man turned aside, and
brought a man unto me, and said:
Keep this man; if by any means he be
missing, then shall thy life be for his
life, or else thou shalt pay a talent of
silver. 40 And as thy servant was busy
here and there, he was gone.’ And the
king of Israel said unto him: ‘So shall
thy judgment be; thyself hast decided
it.’ 41 And he hastened, and took the
headband away from his eyes; and the
king of Israel discerned him that he
was of the prophets. 42 And he said
unto him: ‘Thus saith the Lord:
Because thou hast let go out of thy
hand the man whom I had devoted to
destruction, therefore thy life shall go
for his life, and thy people for his
people.’ 43 And the king of Israel went
to his house sullen and displeased, and
came to Samaria.

21 And it came to pass after these
things, that Naboth the
Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in
Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab,
king of Samaria. 2 And Ahab spoke

unto Naboth, saying: ‘Give me thy
vineyard, that I may have it for a
garden of herbs, because it is near unto
my house; and I will give thee for it a
better vineyard than it; or, if it seem
good to thee, I will give thee the worth
of it in money.’ 3And Naboth said to
Ahab: ‘The LORD forbid it me, that I
should give the inheritance of my
fathers unto thee.’ 4And Ahab came
into his house sullen and displeased
because of the word which Naboth the
Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he
had said: ‘I will not give thee the
inheritance of my fathers.’ And he laid
him down upon his bed, and turned
away his face, and would eat no bread.

5But Jezebel his wife came to him,
and said unto him: ‘Why is thy spirit
so sullen, that thou eatest no bread?’
6And he said unto her: ‘Because I
spoke unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and
said unto him: Give me thy vineyard
for money; or else, if it please thee, I
will give thee another vineyard for it;
and he answered: I will not give thee
my vineyard.’ 7And Jezebel his wife
said unto him: ‘Dost thou now govern
the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat
bread, and let thy heart be merry; I will
give thee the vineyard of Naboth the
Jezreelite.’ 8So she wrote letters in
Ahab’s name, and sealed them with his
seal, and sent the letters unto the elders
and to the nobles that were in his city,
and that dwelt with Naboth. 9And she
wrote in the letters, saying: ‘Proclaim
a fast, and set Naboth at the head of
the people; 10and set two men, base
fellows, before him, and let them bear
witness against him, saying: Thou
didst curse God and the king. And then
carry him out, and stone him, that he
die.’

11And the men of his city, even the
elders and the nobles who dwelt in his
city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them,
according as it was written in the
letters which she had sent unto them.
12They proclaimed a fast, and set
Naboth at the head of the people.
13And the two men, the base fellows,
came in and sat before him; and the
base fellows bore witness against him,
even against Naboth, in the presence
of the people, saying: ‘Naboth did
curse God and the king.’ Then they
carried him forth out of the city, and
stoned him with stones, that he died.
14Then they sent to Jezebel, saying:
‘Naboth is stoned, and is dead.’ 15And
it came to pass, when Jezebel heard
that Naboth was stoned, and was dead,
that Jezebel said to Ahab: ‘Arise, take
possession of the vineyard of Naboth
the Jezreelite, which he refused to give
thee for money; for Naboth is not
alive, but dead.’ 16And it came to pass,
when Ahab heard that Naboth was
dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to
the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite,
to take possession of it.

17And the word of the LORD came to
Elijah the Tishbite, saying: 18’Arise, go
down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who
dwelleth in Samaria; behold, he is in
the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is
gone down to take possession of it.

[19]And thou shalt speak unto him,
saying: Thus saith the Lord: Hast thou
killed, and also taken possessions? and
thou shalt speak unto him, saying:
Thus saith the Lord: In the place
where dogs licked the blood of Naboth
shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.'
[20]And Ahab said to Elijah: 'Hast thou
found me, O mine enemy?' And he
answered: 'I have found thee; because
thou hast given thyself over to do that
which is evil in the sight of the Lord.
[21]Behold, I will bring evil upon thee,
and will utterly sweep thee away, and
will cut off from Ahab every man-
child, and him that is shut up and him
that is left at large in Israel. [22]And I
will make thy house like the house of
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like
the house of Baasa the son of Ahijah,
for the provocation wherewith thou
hast provoked Me, and hast made
Israel to sin. [23]And of Jezebel also
spoke the Lord, saying: The dogs shall
eat Jezebel in the moat of Jezreel.
[24]Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the
dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in
the field shall the fowls of the air eat.'
[25]But there was none like unto Ahab,
who did give himself over to do that
which was evil in the sight of the
Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred
up. [26]And he did very abominably in
following idols, according to all that
the Amorites did, whom the Lord cast
out before the children of Israel.

[27]And it came to pass, when Ahab
heard those words, that he rent his
clothes, and put sackcloth upon his
flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth,
and went softy. [28]And the word of the
Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite,
saying: [29]'Seest thou how Ahab
humbleth himself before Me? because
he humbleth himself before Me, I will
not bring the evil in his days; but in his
son's days will I bring the evil upon
his house.'

22 And they continued three
years without war between
Aram and Israel. [2]And it came to pass
in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the
king of Judah came down to the king
of Israel. [3]And the king of Israel said
unto his servants: 'Know ye that
Ramoth-gilead is ours, and we are still,
and take it not out of the hand of the
king of Aram?' [4]And he said unto
Jehoshaphat: 'Wilt thou go with me to
battle to Ramoth-gilead?' And
Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel:
'I am as thou art, my people as thy
people, my horses as thy horses.'

[5]And Jehoshaphat said unto the king
of Israel: 'Inquire, I pray thee, at the
word of the Lord today.' [6]Then the
king of Israel gathered the prophets
together, about four hundred men, and
said unto them: 'Shall I go against
Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I
forbear?' And they said: 'Go up; for
the Lord will deliver it into the hand of
the king.' [7]But Jehoshaphat said: 'Is
there not here besides a prophet of the
Lord, that we might inquire of him?'
[8]And the king of Israel said unto
Jehoshaphat: 'There is yet one man by
whom we may inquire of the Lord,

Micaiah the son of Imlah; but I hate
him; for he doth not prophesy good
concerning me, but evil.' And
Jehoshaphat said: 'Let not the king say
so.' [9]Then the king of Israel called an
officer, and said: 'Fetch quickly
Micaiah the son of Imlah.' [10]Now the
king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king
of Judah sat each on his throne,
arrayed in their robes, in a threshing-
floor, at the entrance of the gate of
Samaria; and all the prophets
prophesied before them. [11]And
Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made
him horns of iron, and said: 'Thus
saith the LORD: With these shalt thou
gore the Arameans, until they be
consumed.' [12]And all the prophets
prophesied so, saying: 'Go up to
Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for the
LORD will deliver it into the hand of the
king.'

[13]And the messenger that went to
call Micaiah spoke unto him, saying:
'Behold now, the words of the
prophets declare good unto the king
with one mouth, let thy word, I pray
thee, be like the word of one of them,
and speak thou good.' [14]And Micaiah
said: 'As the LORD liveth, what the
LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.'
[15]And when he was come to the king,
the king said unto him: 'Micaiah, shall
we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or
shall we forbear?' And he answered
him: 'Go up, and prosper; and the
LORD will deliver it into the hand of the
king.' [16]And the king said unto him:
'How many times shall I adjure thee
that thou speak unto me nothing but
the truth in the name of the LORD?'
[17]And he said: 'I saw all Israel
scattered upon the mountains, as sheep
that have no shepherd; and the LORD
said: These have no master; let them
return every man to his house in
peace.' [18]And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat: 'Did I not tell thee that
he would not prophesy good
concerning me, but evil?' [19]And he
said: 'Therefore hear thou the word of
the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting on His
throne, and all the host of heaven
standing by Him on His right hand and
on his left. [20]And the LORD said: Who
shall entice Ahab, that he may go up
and fall at Ramoth-gilead. And one
said: On this manner; and another said:
On that manner. [21]And there came
forth the spirit, and stood before the
LORD, and said: I will entice him.
[22]And the LORD said unto him:
Wherewith? And he said: I will go
forth, and will be a lying spirit in the
mouth of all his prophets. And He
said: Thou shalt entice him, and shalt
prevail also; go forth, and do so.
[23]Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath
put a lying spirit in the mouth of all
these thy prophets; and the LORD hath
spoken evil concerning thee.'

[24]Then Zedekiah the son of
Chenaanah came near, and smote
Micaiah on the check, and said:
'Which way went the spirit of the
LORD from me to speak unto thee?'
[25]And Micaiah said: 'Behold, thou
shalt see on that day, when thou shalt

go into an inner chamber to hide
thyself.’ 26 And the king of Israel said:
‘Take Micaiah, and carry him back
unto Amon the governor of the city,
and to Joash the king’s son; 27 and say:
Thus saith the king: Put this fellow in
the prison, and feed him with scant
bread and with scant water, until I
come in peace.’ 28 And Micaiah said:
‘If thou return at all in peace, the Lord
hath not spoken by me.’ And he said:
‘Hear, ye peoples, all of you.’

29 So the king of Israel and
Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up
to Ramoth-gilead. 30 And the king of
Israel said unto Jehoshaphat: ‘I will
disguise myself, and go into the battle;
but put thou on thy robes.’ And the
king of Israel disguised himself, and
went into the battle. 31 Now the king of
Aram had commanded the thirty and
two captains of his chariots, saying:
‘Fight neither with small nor great,
save only with the king of Israel.’
32 And it came to pass, when the
captains of the chariots saw
Jehoshaphat, that they said: ‘Surely it
is the king of Israel’; and they turned
aside to fight against him; and
Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 And it came
to pass, when the captains of the
chariots saw that it was not the king of
Israel, that they turned back from
pursuing him. 34 And a certain man
drew his bow at a venture, and smote
the king of Israel between the lower
armour and the breastplate; wherefore
he said unto the driver of his chariot:
‘Turn thy hand, and carry me out of
the host; for I am sore wounded.’
35 And the battle increased that day;
and the king was stayed up in his
chariot against the Arameans, and died
at even; and the blood ran out of the
wound into the bottom of the chariot.
36 And there went a cry throughout the
host about the going down of the sun,
saying: ‘Every man to his city, and
every man to his country.’

37 So the king died, and was brought
to Samaria; and they buried the king in
Samaria. 38 And they washed the
chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the
dogs licked up his blood; the harlots
also washed themselves there;
according unto the word of the Lord
which He spoke.

39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab,
and all that he did, and the ivory house
which he built, and all the cities that he
built, are they not written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and
Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa
began to reign over Judah in the fourth
year of Ahab king of Israel.
42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years
old when he began to reign; and he
reigned twenty and five years in
Jerusalem. And his mother’s name was
Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43 And
he walked in all the way of Asa his
father; he turned not aside from it,
doing that which was right in the eyes
of the Lord; 44 howbeit the high places
were not taken away; the people still
sacrificed and offered in the high

places. 45 And Jehoshaphat made peace
with the king of Israel.

46 Now the rest of the acts of
Jehoshaphat, and his might that he
showed, and how he warred, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah?
47 And the remnant of the sodomites
that remained in the days of his father
Asa, he put away out of the land. 48
And there was no king in Edom: a
deputy was king. 49 Jehoshaphat made
ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for
gold; but they went not; for the ships
were broken at Ezion-geber. 50 Then
said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto
Jehoshaphat: ‘Let my servants go with
thy servants in the ships.’ But
Jehoshaphat would not. 51 And
Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and
was buried with his fathers in the city
of David his father; and Jehoram his
son reigned in his stead.

52 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to
reign over Israel in Samaria in the
seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king
of Judah, and he reigned two years
over Israel. 53 And he did that which
was evil in the sight of the Lord, and
walked in the way of his father, and in
the way of his mother, and in the way
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherein
he made Israel to sin. 54 And he served
Baal, and worshipped him, and
provoked the Lord, the God of Israel,
according to all that his father had
done.

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1 And Moab rebelled against Israel
after the death of Ahab.
2 And Ahaziah fell down through the
lattice in his upper chamber that was in
Samaria, and was sick; and he sent
messengers, and said unto them: ‘Go,
inquire of Baal-zebub the god of
Ekron whether I shall recover of this
sickness.’ 3 But an angel of the Lord
said to Elijah the Tishbite: ‘Arise, go
up to meet the messengers of the king
of Samaria, and say unto them: Is it
because there is no God in Israel, that
ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub the god
of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus saith
the Lord: Thou shalt not come down
from the bed whither thou art gone up,
but shalt surely die.’ And Elijah
departed. 5 And the messengers
returned unto him, and he said unto
them: ‘Why is it that ye are returned?’
6 And they said unto him: ‘There came
up a man to meet us, and said unto us:
Go, return unto the king that sent you,
and say unto him: Thus saith the Lord:
Is it because there is no God in Israel,
that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-
zebub the god of Ekron? therefore
thou shalt not come down from the bed
whither thou art gone up, but shalt
surely die.’ 7 And he said unto them:
‘What manner of man was he that
came up to meet you, and told you
these words?’ 8 And they answered
him: ‘He was a hairy man, and girt
with a girdle of leather about his
loins.’ And he said: ‘It is Elijah the
Tishbite.’
9 Then the king sent unto him a
captain of fifty with his fifty. And he
went up to him; and, behold, he sat on
the top of the hill. And he spoke unto
him: ‘O man of God, the king hath
said: Come down.’ 10 And Elijah
answered and said to the captain of
fifty: ‘If I be a man of God, let fire
come down from heaven, and consume
thee and thy fifty.’ And there came
down fire from heaven, and consumed
him and his fifty. 11 And again he sent
unto him another captain of fifty with
his fifty. And he answered and said
unto him: ‘O man of God, thus hath
the king said: Come down quickly.’
12 And Elijah answered and said unto
them: ‘If I be a man of God, let fire
come down from heaven, and consume
thee and thy fifty.’ And the fire of God
came down from heaven, and
consumed him and his fifty. 13 And
again he sent the captain of a third
fifty with his fifty. And the third
captain of fifty went up, and came and
fell on his knees before Elijah, and
besought him, and said unto him: ‘O
man of God, I pray thee, let my life,
and the life of these fifty thy servants,
be precious in thy sight. 14 Behold,

there came fire down from heaven, and
consumed the two former captains of
fifty with their fifties; but now let my
life be precious in thy sight’ 15And the
angel of the Lord said unto Elijah: ‘Go
down with him; be not afraid of him.’
And he arose, and went down with
him unto the king. 16And he said unto
him: ‘Thus saith the Lord: Forasmuch
as thou hast sent messengers to inquire
of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it
because there is no God in Israel to
inquire of His word? therefore thou
shalt not come down from the bed
whether thou art gone up, but shalt
surely die.’

17So he died according to the word
of the Lord which Elijah had spoken.
And Jehoram began to reign in his
stead in the second year of Jehoram
the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah;
because he had no son. 18Now the rest
of the acts of Ahaziah which he did,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel?

2 And it came to pass, when the
Lord would take up Elijah by a
whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah
went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2And
Elijah said unto Elisha: ‘Tarry here, I
pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me as
far as Beth-el.’ And Elisha said: ‘As
the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth,
I will not leave thee.’ So they went
down to Beth-el.— 3And the sons of
the prophets that were at Beth-el came
forth to Elisha, and said unto him:
‘Knowest thou that the Lord will take
away thy master from thy head to-
day?’ And he said: ‘Yea, I know it;
hold ye your peace.’— 4And Elijah
said unto him: ‘Elisha, tarry here, I
pray thee; for the Lord hath sent me to
Jericho.’ And he said: ‘As the Lord
liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not
leave thee.’ So they came to Jericho.—
5And the sons of the prophets that
were at Jericho came near to Elisha,
and said unto him: ‘Knowest thou that
the Lord will take away thy master
from thy head to-day?’ And he
answered: ‘Yea, I know it; hold ye
your peace.’— 6And Elijah said unto
him: ‘Tarry here, I pray thee; for the
Lord hath sent me to the Jordan.’ And
he said: ‘As the Lord liveth, and as thy
soul liveth, I will not leave thee.’ And
they two went on.

7And fifty men of the sons of the
prophets went, and stood over against
them afar off; and they two stood by
the Jordan. 8And Elijah took his
mantle, and wrapped it together, and
smote the waters, and they were
divided hither and thither, so that they
two went over on dry ground. 9And it
came to pass, when they were gone
over, that Elijah said unto Elisha: ‘Ask
what I shall do for thee, before I am
taken from thee.’ And Elisha said: ‘I
pray thee, let a double portion of thy
spirit be upon me.’ 10And he said:
‘Thou hast asked a hard thing;
nevertheless, if thou see me when I am
taken from thee, it shall be so unto
thee; but if not, it shall not be so.’
11And it came to pass, as they still

went on, and talked, that, behold, there
appeared a chariot of fire, and horses
of fire, which parted them both
assunder; and Elijah went up by a
whirlwind into heaven.
[12]And Elisha saw it, and he cried:
‘My father, my father, the chariots of
Israel and the horsemen thereof! ’ And
he saw him no more; and he took hold
of his own clothes, and rent them in
two pieces. [13]He took up also the
mantle of Elijah that fell from him,
and went back, and stood by the bank
of the Jordan. [14]And he took the
mantle of Elijah that fell from him,
and smote the waters, and said:
‘Where is the LORD, the God of
Elijah?’ and when he also had smitten
the waters, they were divided hither
and thither; and Elisha went over.
[15]And when the sons of the prophets
that were at Jericho some way off saw
him, they said: ‘The spirit of Elijah
doth rest on Elisha.’ And they came to
meet him, and bowed down to the
ground before him. [16]And they said
unto him: ‘Behold now, there are with
thy servants fifty strong men; let them
go, we pray thee, and seek thy master;
lest peradventure the spirit of the LORD
hath taken him up, and cast him upon
some mountain, or into some valley.’
And he said: ‘Ye shall not send.’
[17]And when they urged him till he was
ashamed, he said: ‘Send.’ They sent
therefore fifty men; and they sought
three days, but found him not. [18]And
they came back to him, while he
tarried at Jericho; and he said unto
them: ‘Did I not say unto you: Go
not?’
[19]And the men of the city said unto
Elisha: ‘Behold, we pray thee, the
situation of this city is pleasant, as my
lord seeth; but the water is bad, and the
land miscarrieth. [20]And he said: ‘Bring
me a new cruse, and put salt therein.’
And they brought it to him. [21]And he
went forth unto the spring of the
waters, and cast salt therein, and said:
‘Thus saith the LORD: I have healed
these waters; there shall not be from
thence any more death or
miscarrying.’ [22]So the waters were
healed unto this day, according to the
word of Elisha which he spoke.
[23]And he went up from thence unto
Beth-el; and as he was going up by the
way, there came forth little children
out of the city, and mocked him, and
said unto him: ‘Go up, thou baldhead;
go up, thou baldhead.’ [24]And he
looked behind him and saw them, and
cursed them in the name of the LORD.
And there came forth two she-bears
out of the wood, and tore forty and two
children of them. [25]And he went from
thence to mount Carmel, and from
thence he returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab
began to reign over Israel in
Samaria in the eighteenth year of
Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and
reigned twelve years. [2]And he did that
which was evil in the sight of the
LORD; but not like his father, and like
his mother; for he put away the pillar
of Baal that his father had made.

3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins
of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
wherewith he made Israel to sin; he
departed not therefrom.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a
sheep-master; and he rendered unto the
king of Israel the wool of a hundred
thousand lambs, and of a hundred
thousand rams. 5 But it came to pass,
when Ahab was dead, that the king of
Moab rebelled against the king of
Israel. 6 And king Jehoram went out of
Samaria at that time, and mustered all
Israel. 7 And he went and sent to
Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying:
‘The king of Moab hath rebelled
against me; wilt thou go with me
against Moab to battle?’ And he said:
‘I will go up; I am as thou art, my
people as thy people, my horses as thy
horses.’ 8 And he said: ‘Which way
shall we go up?’ And he answered:
‘The way of the wilderness of Edom.’
9 So the king of Israel went, and the
king of Judah, and the king of Edom;
and they made a circuit of seven
days’journey; and there was no water
for the host, nor for the beasts that
followed them. 10 And the king of
Israel said: ‘Alas! for the Lord hath
called these three kings together to
deliver them into the hand of Moab.’
11 But Jehoshaphat said: ‘Is there not
here a prophet of the Lord, that we
may inquire of the Lord by him?’ And
one of the king of Israel’s servants
answered and said: ‘Elisha the son of
Shaphat is here, who poured water on
the hands of Elijah.’ 12 And
Jehoshaphat said: ‘The word of the
Lord is with him.’ So the king of
Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of
Edom went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of
Israel: ‘What have I to do with thee?
get thee to the prophets of thy father,
and to the prophets of thy mother.’
And the king of Israel said unto him:
‘Nay; for the Lord hath called these
three kings together to deliver them
into the hand of Moab.’ 14 And Elisha
said: ‘As the Lord of hosts liveth,
before whom I stand, surely, were it
not that I regard the presence of
Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would
not look toward thee, nor see thee.
15 But now bring me a minstrel.’ And it
came to pass, when the minstrel
played, that the hand of the Lord came
upon him. 16 And he said: ‘Thus saith
the Lord: Make this valley full of
trenches. 17 For thus saith the Lord: Ye
shall not see wind, neither shall ye see
rain, yet that valley shall be filled with
water; and ye shall drink, both ye and
your cattle and your beasts. 18 And this
is but a light thing in the sight of the
Lord; He will also deliver the
Moabites into your hand. 19 And ye
shall smite every fortified city, and
every choice city, and shall fell every
good tree, and stop all fountains of
water, and mar every good piece of
land with stones.’ 20 And it came to
pass in the morning, about the time of
making the offering, that, behold, there
came water by the way of Edom, and
the country was filled with water.

[21]Now when all the Moabites heard
that the kings were come up to fight
against them, they gathered themselves
together, all that were able to put on
armour, and upward, and stood on the
border. [22]And they rose up early in the
morning, and the sun shone upon the
water, and the Moabites saw the water
some way off as red as blood; [23]and
they said: 'This is blood: the kings
have surely fought together, and they
have smitten each man his fellow; now
therefore, Moab, to the spoil.' [24]And
when they came to the camp of Israel,
the Israelites rose up and smote the
Moabites, so that they fled before
them. And they smote the land, even
Moab, mightily. [25]And they beat down
the cities; and on every good piece of
land they cast every man his stone, and
filled it; and they stopped all the
fountains of water, and felled all the
good trees; until there was left only
Kir-hareseth with the stones of the
wall thereof; so the slingers
encompassed it, and smote it. [26]And
when the king of Moab saw that the
battle was too sore for him, he took
with him seven hundred men that drew
sword, to break through unto the king
of Edom; but they could not. [27]Then he
took his eldest son that should have
reigned in his stead, and offered him
for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And
there came great wrath upon Israel;
and they departed from him, and
returned to their own land.

4 Now there cried a certain woman
of the wives of the sons of the
prophets unto Elisha, saying: 'Thy
servant my husband is dead; and thou
knowest that thy servant did fear the
LORD; and the creditor is come to take
unto him my two children to be
bondmen.' [2]And Elisha said unto her:
'What shall I do for thee? tell me;
what hast thou in the house?' And she
said: 'Thy handmaid hath not any
thing in the house, save a pot of oil.'
[3]Then he said: 'Go, borrow thee
vessels abroad of all thy neighbours,
even empty vessels; borrow not a few.
[4]And thou shalt go in, and shut the
door upon thee and upon thy sons, and
pour out into all those vessels; and
thou shalt set aside that which is full.'
[5]So she went from him, and shut the
door upon her and upon her sons; they
brought the vessels to her, and she
poured out. [6]And it came to pass, when
the vessels were full, that she said unto
her son: 'Bring me yet a vessel.' And
he said unto her: 'There is not a vessel
more.' And the oil stayed. [7]Then she
came and told the man of God. And he
said: 'Go, sell the oil, and pay thy
debt, and live thou and thy sons of the
rest.'

[8]And it fell on a day, that Elisha
passed to Shunem, where was a great
woman; and she constrained him to eat
bread. And so it was, that as oft as he
passed by, he turned in thither to eat
bread. [9]And she said unto her husband:
'Behold now, I perceive that this is a
holy man of God, that passeth by us
continually. [10]Let us make, I pray thee,
a little chamber on the roof; and let us

set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick; and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither.’ [11]And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the upper chamber and lay there. [12]And he said to Gehazi his servant: ‘Call this Shunammite.’ And when he had called her, she stood before him. [13]And he said unto him: ‘Say now unto her: Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host?’ And she answered: ‘I dwell among mine own people.’ [14]And he said: ‘What then is to be done for her?’ And Gehazi answered: ‘Verily she hath no son, and her husband is old.’ [15]And he said: ‘Call her.’ And when he had called her, she stood in the door. [16]And he said: ‘At this season, when the time cometh round, thou shalt embrace a son.’ And she said: ‘Nay, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thy handmaid.’ [17]And the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season, when the time came round, as Elisha had said unto her.

[18]And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. [19]And he said unto his father: ‘My head, my head.’ And he said to his servant: ‘Carry him to his mother.’ [20]And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. [21]And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the door upon him, and went out. [22]And she called unto her husband, and said: ‘Send me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come back.’ [23]And he said: Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? it is neither new moon nor sabbath.’ And she said: ‘It shall be well.’ [24]Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant: ‘Drive, and go forward; slacken me not the riding, except I bid thee.’ [25]So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel.

And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant: ‘Behold, yonder is that Shunammite. [26]Run, I pray thee, now to meet her, and say unto her: Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child?’ And she answered: ‘It is well.’ [27]And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said: ‘Let her alone; for her soul is bitter within her; and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told Me.’ [28]Then she said: ‘Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say: Do not deceive me?’ [29]Then he said to Gehazi: ‘Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go thy way; if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not; and lay my staff upon the face of the child.’ [30]And the mother of the child said: ‘As the LORD liveth, and

as thy soul liveth, I will not leave
thee.’ And he arose, and followed her.
31 And Gehazi passed on before them,
and laid the staff upon the face of the
child; but there was neither voice, nor
hearing. Wherefore he returned to
meet him, and told him, saying: ‘The
child is not awaked.’

32 And when Elisha was come into
the house, behold, the child was dead,
and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in
therefore, and shut the door upon them
twain, and prayed unto the Lord.
34 And he went up, and lay upon the
child, and put his mouth upon his
mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and
his hands upon his hands; and he
stretched himself upon him; and the
flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then
he returned, and walked in the house
once to and fro; and went up, and
stretched himself upon him; and the
child sneezed seven times, and the
child opened his eyes. 36 And he called
Gehazi, and said: ‘Call this
Shunammite.’ So he called her. And
when she was come in unto him, he
said: ‘Take up thy son.’ 37 Then she
went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed
down to the ground; and she took up
her son, and went out.

38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal;
and there was a dearth in the land; and
the sons of the prophets were sitting
before him; and he said unto his
servant: ‘Set on the great pot, and
seethe pottage for the sons of the
prophets.’ 39 And one went out into the
field to gather herbs, and found a wild
vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds
his lap full, and came and shred them
into the pot of pottage; for they knew
them not. 40 So they poured out for the
men to eat. And it came to pass, as
they were eating of the pottage, that
they cried out, and said: ‘O man of
God, there is death in the pot.’ And
they could not eat thereof. 41 But he
said: ‘Then bring meal.’ And he cast it
into the pot; and he said: ‘Pour out for
the people, that they may eat.’ And
there was no harm in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Baal-
shalishah, and brought the man of God
bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves
of barley, and fresh ears of corn in his
sack. And he said: ‘Give unto the
people, that they may eat.’ 43 And his
servant said: ‘How should I set this
before a hundred men?’ But he said:
‘Give the people, that they may eat;
for thus saith the Lord: They shall eat,
and shall leave thereof.’ 44 So he set it
before them, and they did eat, and left
thereof, according to the word of the
Lord.

5 Now Naaman, captain of the host
of the king of Aram, was a great
man with his master, and held in
esteem, because by him the Lord had
given victory unto Aram; he was also a
mighty man of valour, but he was a
leper. 2 And the Arameans had gone
out in bands, and had brought away
captive out of the land of Israel a little
maid; and she waited on Naaman’s
wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress:
‘Would that my lord were with the

prophet that is in Samaria! then would
he recover him of his leprosy.’ [4]And
he went in, and told his lord, saying:
‘Thus and thus said the maid that is of
the land of Israel.’ [5]And the king of
Aram said: ‘Go now, and I will send a
letter unto the king of Israel.’ And he
departed, and took with him ten talents
of silver, and six thousand pieces of
gold, and ten changes of raiment. [6]And
he brought the letter to the king of
Israel, saying: ‘And now when this
letter is come unto thee, behold, I have
sent Naaman my servant to thee, that
thou mayest recover him of his
leprosy.’ [7]And it came to pass, when
the king of Israel had read the letter,
that he rent his clothes, and said: ‘Am
I God, to kill and to make alive, that
this man doth send unto me to recover
a man of his leprosy? but consider, I
pray you, and see how he seeketh an
occasion against me.’

[8]And it was so, when Elisha the man
of God heard that the king of Israel
had rent his clothes, that he sent to the
king, saying: ‘Wherefore hast thou
rent thy clothes? let him come now to
me, and he shall know that there is a
prophet in Israel.’ [9]So Naaman came
with his horses and with his chariots,
and stood at the door of the house of
Elisha. [10]And Elisha sent a messenger
unto him, saying: ‘Go and wash in the
Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall
come back to thee, and thou shalt be
clean.’ [11]But Naaman was wroth, and
went away, and said: ‘Behold, I
thought: He will surely come out to
me, and stand, and call on the name of
the LORD his God, and wave his hand
over the place, and recover the leper.
[12]Are not Amanah and Pharpar, the
rivers of Damascus, better than all the
waters of Israel? may I not wash in
them, and be clean?’ So he turned, and
went away in a rage. [13]And his
servants came near, and spoke unto
him, and said: ‘My father, if the
prophet had bid thee do some great
thing, wouldest thou not have done it?
how much rather then, when he saith
to thee: Wash, and be clean?’ [14]Then
went he down, and dipped himself
seven times in the Jordan, according to
the saying of the man of God; and his
flesh came back like unto the flesh of a
little child, and he was clean.

[15]And he returned to the man of
God, he and all his company, and
came, and stood before him; and he
said: ‘Behold now, I know that there is
no God in all the earth, but in Israel;
now therefore, I pray thee, take a
present of thy servant.’ [16]But he said:
‘As the LORD liveth, before whom I
stand, I will receive none.’ And he
urged him to take it; but he refused.
[17]And Naaman said: ‘If not, yet I pray
thee let there be given to thy servant
two mules’burden of earth; for thy
servant will henceforth offer neither
burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other
gods, but unto the LORD. [18]In this thing
the LORD pardon thy servant: when my
master goeth into the house of
Rimmon to worship there, and he
leaneth on my hand, and I prostrate

myself in the house of Rimmon, when
I prostrate myself in the house of
Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant
in this thing.' 19 And he said unto him:
'Go in peace.' So he departed from
him some way.

20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha
the man of God, said: 'Behold, my
master hath spared this Naaman the
Aramean, in not receiving at his hands
that which he brought; as the LORD
liveth, I will surely run after him, and
take somewhat of him.' 21 So Gehazi
followed after Naaman. And when
Naaman saw one running after him, he
alighted from the chariot to meet him,
and said: 'Is all well?' 22 And he said:
'All is well. My master hath sent me,
saying: Behold, even now there are
come to me from the hill-country of
Ephraim two young men of the sons of
the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a
talent of silver, and two changes of
raiment.' 23 And Naaman said: 'Be
content, take two talents.' And he
urged him, and bound two talents of
silver in two bags, with two changes of
raiment, and laid them upon two of his
servants; and they bore them before
him. 24 And when he came to the hill,
he took them from their hand, and
deposited them in the house; and he let
the men go, and they departed. 25 But
he went in, and stood before his
master. And Elisha said unto him:
'Whence comest thou, Gehazi?' And
he said: 'Thy servant went no
whither.' 26 And he said unto him:
'Went not my heart [with thee], when
the man turned back from his chariot
to meet thee? Is it a time to receive
money, and to receive garments, and
oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep
and oxen, and men-servants and maid-
servants? 27 The leprosy therefore of
Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and
unto thy seed for ever.' And he went
out from his presence a leper as white
as snow.

6 And the sons of the prophets said
unto Elisha: 'Behold now, the
place where we dwell before thee is
too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray
thee, unto the Jordan, and take thence
every man a beam, and let us make us
a place there, where we may dwell.'
And he answered: 'Go ye.' 3 And one
said: 'Be content, I pray thee, and go
with thy servants.' And he answered:
'I will go.' 4 So he went with them.
And when they came to the Jordan,
they cut down wood. 5 But as one was
felling a beam, the axe-head fell into
the water; and he cried, and said:
'Alas, my master! for it was
borrowed.' 6 And the man of God said:
'Where fell it?' And he showed him
the place. And he cut down a stick,
and cast it in thither, and made the iron
to swim. 7 And he said: 'Take it up to
thee.' So he put out his hand, and took
it.

8 Now the king of Aram warred
against Israel; and he took counsel
with his servants, saying: 'In such and
such a place shall be my camp.' 9 And
the man of God sent unto the king of
Israel, saying: 'Beware that thou pass

not such a place; for thither the
Arameans are coming down.’ 10And
the king of Israel sent to the place
which the man of God told him and
warned him of; and he guarded
himself there, not once nor twice.
11And the heart of the king of Aram
was sore troubled for this thing; and he
called his servants, and said unto them:
‘Will ye not tell me which of us is for
the king of Israel?’ 12And one of his
servants said: ‘Nay, my lord, O king;
but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel,
telleth the king of Israel the words that
thou speakest in thy bed-chamber.’
13And he said: ‘Go and see where he
is, that I may send and fetch him.’ And
it was told him, saying: ‘Behold, he is
in Dothan.’

14Therefore sent he thither horses,
and chariots, and a great host; and they
came by night, and compassed the city
about. 15And when the servant of the
man of God was risen early, and gone
forth, behold, a host with horses and
chariots was round about the city. And
his servant said unto him: ‘Alas, my
master! how shall we do?’ 16And he
answered: ‘Fear not: for they that are
with us are more than they that are
with them.’ 17And Elisha prayed, and
said: ‘LORD, I pray Thee, open his
eyes, that he may see.’ And the LORD
opened the eyes of the young man; and
he saw; and, behold, the mountain was
full of horses and chariots of fire round
about Elisha. 18And when they came
down to him, Elisha prayed unto the
LORD, and said: ‘Smite this people, I
pray Thee, with blindness.’ And He
smote them with blindness according
to the word of Elisha. 19And Elisha
said unto them: ‘This is not the way,
neither is this the city; follow me, and
I will bring you to the man whom ye
seek.’ And he led them to Samaria.

20And it came to pass, when they
were come into Samaria, that Elisha
said: ‘LORD, open the eyes of these
men, that they may see.’ And the LORD
opened their eyes, and they saw; and,
behold, they were in the midst of
Samaria. 21And the king of Israel said
unto Elisha, when he saw them: ‘My
father, shall I smite them? shall I smite
them?’ 22And he answered: ‘Thou
shalt not smite them; hast thou taken
captive with thy sword and with thy
bow those whom thou wouldest smite?
set bread and water before them, that
they may eat and drink, and go to their
master.’ 23And he prepared great
provision for them; and when they had
eaten and drunk, he sent them away,
and they went to their master. And the
bands of Aram came no more into the
land of Israel.

24And it came to pass after this, that
Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all
his host, and went up, and besieged
Samaria. 25And there was a great
famine in Samaria; and, behold, they
besieged it, until an ass’s head was
sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and
the fourth part of a kab of dove’s dung
for five pieces of silver. 26And as the
king of Israel was passing by upon the
wall, there cried a woman unto him,

saying: ‘Help, my lord, O king.’ 27And he said: ‘If the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the threshingfloor, or out of the winepress?’ 28And the king said unto her: ‘What aileth thee?’ And she answered: ‘This woman said unto me: Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow. 29So we boiled my son, and did eat him; and I said unto her on the next day: Give thy son, that we may eat him; and she hath hid her son.’ 30And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes—now he was passing by upon the wall—and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. 31Then he said: ‘God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.’

32But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him; but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders: ‘See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold the door fast against him; is not the sound of his master’s feet behind him?’ 33And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him; and [the king] said: ‘Behold, this evil is of the Lord; why should I wait for the Lord any longer?’

7 And Elisha said: ‘Hear ye the word of the Lord; thus saith the Lord: To-morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.’ 2Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said: ‘Behold, if the Lord should make windows in heaven, might this thing be?’ And he said: ‘Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.’

3Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said one to another: ‘Why sit we here until we die? 4If we say: We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Arameans; if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.’ 5And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Arameans; and when they were come to the outermost part of the camp of the Arameans, behold, there was no man there. 6For the Lord had made the host of the Arameans to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host; and they said one to another: ‘Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.’ 7Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. 8And when these lepers came to the

outermost part of the camp, they went
into one tent, and did eat and drink,
and carried thence silver, and gold,
and raiment, and went and hid it; and
they came back, and entered into
another tent, and carried thence also,
and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another: ‘We
do not well; this day is a day of good
tidings, and we hold our peace; if we
tarry till the morning light, punishment
will overtake us; now therefore come,
let us go and tell the king’s
household.’ 10 So they came and called
unto the porters of the city; and they
told them, saying.’ We came to the
camp of the Arameans, and, behold,
there was no man there, neither voice
of man, but the horses tied, and the
asses tied, and the tents as they were.’
11 And the porters called, and they told
it to the king’s household within.
12 And the king arose in the night, and
said unto his servants: ‘I will now tell
you what the Arameans have done to
us. They know that we are hungry;
therefore are they gone out of the
camp to hide themselves in the field,
saying: When they come out of the
city, we shall take them alive, and get
into the city.’ 13 And one of his servants
answered and said: ‘Let some take, I
pray thee, five of the horses that
remain, which are left in the city—
behold, they are as all the multitude of
Israel that are left in it; behold, they
are as all the multitude of Israel that
are consumed—and let us send and
see.’ 14 They took therefore two
chariots with horses; and the king sent
after the host of the Arameans, saying:
‘Go and see.’ 15 And they went after
them unto the Jordan; and, lo, all the
way was full of garments and vessels,
which the Arameans had cast away in
their haste. And the messengers
returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and
spoiled the camp of the Arameans. So
a measure of fine flour was sold for a
shekel, and two measures of barley for
a shekel, according to the word of the
Lord. 17 And the king appointed the
captain on whose hand he leaned to
have the charge of the gate; and the
people trod upon him in the gate, and
he died as the man of God had said,
who spoke when the king came down
to him. 18 And it came to pass, as the
man of God had spoken to the king,
saying: ‘Two measures of barley for a
shekel, and a measure of fine flour for
a shekel, shall be to-morrow about this
time in the gate of Samaria’; 19 and that
captain answered the man of God, and
said: ‘Now, behold, if the Lord should
make windows in heaven, might such
a thing be?’ and he said: ‘Behold, thou
shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt
not eat thereof’; 20 it came to pass even
so unto him; for the people trod upon
him in the gate, and he died.

8 Now Elisha had spoken unto the
woman, whose son he had
restored to life, saying: ‘Arise, and go
thou and thy household, and sojourn
wheresoever thou canst sojourn; for
the Lord hath called for a famine; and

it shall also come upon the land seven
years.’ [2]And the woman arose, and did
according to the word of the man of
God; and she went with her household,
and sojourned in the land of the
Philistines seven years. [3]And it came
to pass at the seven years’end, that the
woman returned out of the land of the
Philistines; and she went forth to cry
unto the king for her house and for her
land. [4]Now the king was talking with
Gehazi the servant of the man of God,
saying: ‘Tell me, I pray thee, all the
great things that Elisha hath done.’
[5]And it came to pass, as he was telling
the king how he had restored to life
him that was dead, that, behold, the
woman, whose son he had restored to
life, cried to the king for her house and
for her land. And Gehazi said: ‘My
lord, O king, this is the woman, and
this is her son, whom Elisha restored
to life.’ [6]And when the king asked the
woman, she told him. So the king
appointed unto her a certain officer,
saying: ‘Restore all that was hers, and
all the fruits of the field since the day
that she left the land, even until now.’

[7]And Elisha came to Damascus; and
Ben-hadad the king of Aram was sick;
and it was told him, saying.’ The man
of God is come hither.’ [8]And the king
said unto Hazael: ‘Take a present in
thy hand, and go meet the man of God,
and inquire of the LORD by him,
saying: Shall I recover of this
sickness?’ [9]So Hazael went to meet
him, and took a present with him, even
of every good thing of Damascus,
forty camels’burden, and came and
stood before him, and said: ‘Thy son
Ben-hadad king of Aram hath sent me
to thee, saying: Shall I recover of this
sickness?’ [10]And Elisha said unto him:
‘Go, say unto him: Thou shalt surely
recover; howbeit the LORD hath shown
me that he shall surely die.’ [11]And he
settled his countenance stedfastly upon
him, until he was ashamed; and the
man of God wept. [12]And Hazael said:
‘Why weepeth my lord?’ And he
answered: ‘Because I know the evil
that thou wilt do unto the children of
Israel: their strongholds wilt thou set
on fire, and their young men wilt thou
slay with the sword, and wilt dash in
pieces their little ones, and rip up their
women with child.’ [13]And Hazael said:
‘But what is thy servant, who is but a
dog, that he should do this great
thing?’ And Elisha answered: ‘The
LORD hath shown me that thou shalt be
king over Aram.’ [14]Then he departed
from Elisha, and came to his master,
who said to him: ‘What said Elisha to
thee?’ And he answered: ‘He told me
that thou wouldest surely recover.’
[15]And it came to pass on the morrow,
that he took the coverlet, and dipped it
in water, and spread it on his face, so
that he died; and Hazael reigned in his
stead.

[16]And in the fifth year of Joram the
son of Ahab king of Israel,
Jehoshaphat being the king of Judah,
Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king
of Judah began to reign. [17]Thirty and
two years old was he when he began to

reign; and he reigned eight years in
Jerusalem. [18]And he walked in the way
of the kings of Israel, as did the house
of Ahab; for he had the daughter of
Ahab to wife; and he did that which
was evil in the sight of the LORD.
[19]Howbeit the LORD would not destroy
Judah, for David His servant's sake, as
He promised him to give unto him a
lamp and to his children alway.

[20]In his days Edom revolted from
under the hand of Judah, and made a
king over themselves. [21]Then Joram
passed over to Zair, and all his chariots
with him; and he rose up by night, and
smote the Edomites that compassed
him about, and the captains of the
chariots; and the people fled to their
tents. [22]Yet Edom revolted from under
the hand of Judah, unto this day. Then
did Libnah revolt at the same time.
[23]And the rest of the acts of Joram, and
all that he did, are they not written in
the book of the chronicles of the kings
of Judah? [24]And Joram slept with his
fathers, and was buried with his fathers
in the city of David; and Ahaziah his
son reigned in his stead.

[25]In the twelfth year of Joram the
son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah
the son of Jehoram king of Judah
begin to reign. [26]Two and twenty years
old was Ahaziah when he began to
reign; and he reigned one year in
Jerusalem. And his mother's name was
Athaliah the daughter of Omri king of
Israel. [27]And he walked in the way of
the house of Ahab, and did that which
was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did
the house of Ahab; for he was the son-
in-law of the house of Ahab. [28]And he
went with Joram the son of Ahab to
war against Hazael king of Aram at
Ramoth-gilead; and the Arameans
wounded Joram. [29]And king Joram
returned to be healed in Jezreel of the
wounds which the Arameans had
given him at Ramah, when he fought
against Hazael king of Aram. And
Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of
Judah went down to see Joram the son
of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was
sick.

9 And Elisha the prophet called one
of the sons of the prophets, and
said unto him: 'Gird up thy loins, and
take this vial of oil in thy hand, and go
to Ramoth-gilead. [2]And when thou
comest thither, look out there Jehu the
son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi,
and go in, and make him arise up from
among his brethren, and carry him to
an inner chamber. [3]Then take the vial
of oil, and pour it on his head, and say:
Thus saith the LORD: I have anointed
thee king over Israel. Then open the
door, and flee, and tarry not.' [4]So the
young man, even the young man the
prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. [5]And
when he came, behold, the captains of
the host were sitting; and he said: 'I
have an errand to thee, O captain.'
And Jehu said: 'Unto which of us all?'
And he said: 'To thee, O captain.'
[6]And he arose, and went into the
house; and he poured the oil on his
head, and said unto him: 'Thus saith

the LORD, the God of Israel: I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel. [7]And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. [8]For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab every man-child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel. [9]And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasa the son of Ahijah. [10]And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.' And he opened the door, and fled.

[11]Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord; and one said unto him: 'Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee?' And he said unto them: 'Ye know the man and what his talk was.' [12]And they said: 'It is false; tell us now.' And he said: 'Thus and thus spoke he to me, saying: Thus saith the LORD: I have anointed thee king over Israel.' [13]Then they hastened, and took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew the horn, saying: 'Jehu is king.'

[14]So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram.—Now Joram had been guarding Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Aram; [15]but king [a]Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Arameans had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Aram.—And Jehu said: 'If this be your mind, then let none escape and go forth out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel.' [16]So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

[17]Now the watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said: 'I see a company.' And Joram said: 'Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say: Is it peace?' [18]So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said: 'Thus saith the king: Is it peace?' And Jehu said: 'What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.' And the watchman told, saying: 'The messenger came to them, but he cometh not back.' [19]Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said: 'Thus saith the king: Is it peace?' And Jehu answered: 'What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.' [20]And the watchman told, saying: 'He came even unto them, and cometh not back; and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.'

[21]And Joram said: 'Make ready.' And they made ready his chariot. And

[a] Heb. *Jehoram*, and in verses 17, 21, 22, 23, 24.

Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king
of Judah went out, each in his chariot,
and they went out to meet Jehu, and
found him in the portion of Naboth the
Jezreelite. 22 And it came to pass, when
Joram saw Jehu, that he said: ‘Is it
peace, Jehu?’ And he answered: ‘What
peace, so long as the harlotries of thy
mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are
so many?’ 23 And Joram turned his
hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah:
‘There is treachery, O Ahaziah.’ 24 And
Jehu drew his bow with his full
strength, and smote Joram between his
arms, and the arrow went out at his
heart, and he sunk down in his chariot.
25 Then said [Jehu] to Bidkar his
captain: ‘Take up, and cast him in the
portion of the field of Naboth the
Jezreelite; for remember how that,
when I and thou rode together after
Ahab his father, the Lord pronounced
this burden against him: 26 Surely I
have seen yesterday the blood of
Naboth, and the blood of his sons,
saith the Lord; and I will requite thee
in this plot, saith the Lord. Now
therefore take and cast him into the
plot of ground, according to the word
of the Lord.’

27 But when Ahaziah the king of
Judah saw this, he fled by the way of
the garden-house. And Jehu followed
after him, and said: ‘Smite him also in
the chariot’; [and they smote him] at
the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam.
And he fled to Megiddo, and died
there. 28 And his servants carried him in
a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him
in his sepulchre with his fathers in the
city of David.

29 And in the eleventh year of Joram
the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to
reign over Judah.

30 And when Jehu was come to
Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she
painted her eyes, and attired her head,
and looked out at the window. 31 And
as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said:
‘Is it peace, thou Zimri, thy master’s
murderer?’ 32 And he lifted up his face
to the window, and said: ‘Who is on
my side? who?’ And there looked out
to him two or three officers. 33 And he
said: ‘Throw her down.’ So they threw
her down; and some of her blood was
sprinkled on the wall, and on the
horses; and she was trodden under
foot. 34 And when he was come in, he
did eat and drink; and he said: ‘Look
now after this cursed woman, and bury
her; for she is a king’s daughter.’
35 And they went to bury her; but they
found no more of her than the skull,
and the feet, and the palms of her
hands. 36 Wherefore they came back,
and told him. And he said: ‘This is the
word of the Lord, which He spoke by
His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying:
In the portion of Jezreel shall the dogs
eat the flesh of Jezebel; 37 and the
carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung
upon the face of the field in the portion
of Jezreel; so that they shall not say:
This is Jezebel.’

10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in
Samaria. And Jehu wrote
letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the

rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and
unto them that brought up [the sons
of]Ahab, saying: 2’And now as soon as
this letter cometh to you, seeing your
master’s sons are with you, and there
are with you chariots and horses,
fortified cities also, and armour; 3look
ye out the best and meetest of your
master’s sons, and set him on his
father’s throne, and fight for your
master’s house.’ 4But they were
exceedingly afraid, and said: ‘Behold,
the two kings stood not before him;
how then shall we stand?’ 5And he that
was over the household, and he that
was over the city, the elders also, and
they that brought up the children, sent
to Jehu, saying: ‘We are thy servants,
and will do all that thou shalt bid us;
we will not make any man king; do
thou that which is good in thine eyes.’
6Then he wrote a letter the second time
to them, saying: ‘If ye be on my side,
and if ye will hearken unto my voice,
take ye the heads of the men your
master’s sons, and come to me to
Jezreel by to-morrow this time.’ Now
the king’s sons, being seventy persons,
were with the great men of the city,
who brought them up. 7And it came to
pass, when the letter came to them,
that they took the king’s sons, and
slew them, even seventy persons, and
put their heads in baskets, and sent
them unto him to Jezreel. 8And there
came a messenger, and told him,
saying: ‘They have brought the heads
of the king’s sons.’ And he said: ‘Lay
ye them in two heaps at the entrance of
the gate until the morning.’ 9And it
came to pass in the morning, that he
went out, and stood, and said to all the
people: ‘Ye are righteous; behold, I
conspired against my master, and slew
him; but who smote all these? 10Know
now that there shall fall unto the earth
nothing of the word of the Lord, which
the Lord spoke concerning the house
of Ahab; for the Lord hath done that
which He spoke by His servant Elijah.’
11So Jehu smote all that remained of
the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all
his great men, and his familiar friends,
and his priests, until there was left him
none remaining.

12And he arose and departed, and
went to Samaria. And as he was at the
shearing-house of the shepherds in the
way, 13Jehu met with the brethren of
Ahaziah king of Judah, and said: ‘Who
are ye?’ And they answered: ‘We are
the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go
down to salute the children of the king
and the children of the queen.’ 14And
he said: ‘Take them alive.’ And they
took them alive, and slew them at the
pit of the shearing-house, even two
and forty men; neither left he any of
them.

15And when he was departed thence,
he lighted on Jehonadab the son of
Rechab coming to meet him; and he
saluted him, and said to him: ‘Is thy
heart right, as my heart is with thy
heart?’ And Jehonadab answered: ‘It
is.’ ’If it be, [said Jehu,] give me thy
hand.’ And he gave him his hand; and
he took him up to him into the chariot.

16And he said: ‘Come with me, and see
my zeal for the Lord.’ So they made
him ride in his chariot. 17And when he
came to Samaria, he smote all that
remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he
had destroyed him, according to the
word of the Lord, which He spoke to
Elijah.

18And Jehu gathered all the people
together, and said unto them: ‘Ahab
served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve
him much. 19Now therefore call unto
me all the prophets of Baal, all his
worshippers, and all his priests, let
none be wanting; for I have a great
sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever
shall be wanting, he shall not live.’ But
Jehu did it in subtlety, to the intent that
he might destroy the worshippers of
Baal. 20And Jehu said: ‘Sanctify a
solemn assembly for Baal.’ And they
proclaimed it. 21And Jehu sent through
all Israel; and all the worshippers of
Baal came, so that there was not a man
left that came not. And they came into
the house of Baal; and the house of
Baal was filled from one end to
another. 22And he said unto him that
was over the vestry: ‘Bring forth
vestments for all the worshippers of
Baal.’ And he brought them forth
vestments. 23And Jehu went, and
Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the
house of Baal; and he said unto the
worshippers of Baal: ‘Search, and look
that there be here with you none of the
servants of the Lord, but the
worshippers of Baal only.’ 24And they
went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-
offerings. Now Jehu had appointed
him fourscore men without, and said:
‘If any of the men whom I bring into
your hands escape, his life shall be for
the life of him.’

25And it came to pass, as soon as he
had made an end of offering the burnt-
offering, that Jehu said to the guard
and to the captains: ‘Go in, and slay
them; let none come forth.’ And they
smote them with the edge of the
sword; and the guard and the captains
cast them out, and went to the city of
the house of Baal. 26And they brought
forth the pillars that were in the house
of Baal, and burned them. 27And they
broke down the pillar of Baal, and
broke down the house of Baal, and
made it a draught-house, unto this day.

28Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of
Israel. 29Howbeit from the sins of
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith
he made Israel to sin, Jehu departed
not from after them, the golden calves
that were in Beth-el, and that were in
Dan. 30And the Lord said unto Jehu:
‘Because thou hast done well in
executing that which is right in Mine
eyes, and hast done unto the house of
Ahab according to all that was in My
heart, thy sons of the fourth generation
shall sit on the throne of Israel.’ 31But
Jehu took no heed to walk in the law
of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all
his heart; he departed not from the sins
of Jeroboam, wherewith he made
Israel to sin.

32In those days the Lord began to
cut Israel short; and Hazael smote

them in all the borders of Israel: [33]from the Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. [34]Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [35]And Jehu slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. [36]And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

## 11

Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. [2]But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, even him and his nurse, and put them in the bed-chamber; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. [3]And he was with her hid in the house of the Lord six years; and Athaliah reigned over the land.

[4]And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, of the Carites and of the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the Lord; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the Lord, and showed them the king's son. [5]And he commanded them, saying: 'This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, and that keep the watch of the king's house— [6]now another third part was at the gate Sur, and another third part at the gate behind the guard—shall keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. [7]And the other two parts of you, even all that go forth on the sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of the Lord about the king. [8]And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he that cometh within the ranks, let him be slain; and be ye with the king when he goeth out, and when he cometh in.'

[9]And the captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. [10]And the priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spear and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of the Lord. [11]And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. [12]Then he brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown and the insignia; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said: 'Long live the king.'

[13]And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people,

she came to the people into the house
of the Lord. 14And she looked, and,
behold, the king stood on the platform,
as the manner was, and the captains
and the trumpets by the king; and all
the people of the land rejoiced, and
blew with trumpets. Then Athaliah
rent her clothes, and cried: ‘Treason,
treason.’ 15And Jehoiada the priest
commanded the captains of hundreds,
the officers of the host, and said unto
them: ‘Have her forth between the
ranks; and him that followeth her slay
with the sword’; for the priest said:
‘Let her not be slain in the house of the
Lord.’ 16So they made way for her;
and she went by the way of the
horses’entry to the king’s house; and
there was she slain.

17And Jehoiada made a covenant
between the Lord and the king and the
people, that they should be the Lord’S
people; between the king also and the
people. 18And all the people of the land
went to the house of Baal, and broke it
down; his altars and his images broke
they in pieces thoroughly, and slew
Mattan the priest of Baal before the
altars. And the priest appointed
officers over the house of the Lord.
19And he took the captains over
hundreds, and the Carites, and the
guard, and all the people of the land;
and they brought down the king from
the house of the Lord, and came by the
way of the gate of the guard unto the
king’s house. And he sat on the throne
of the kings. 20So all the people of the
land rejoiced, and the city was quiet;
and they slew Athaliah with the sword
at the king’s house.

12 Jehoash was seven years old
when he began to reign. 2In the
seventh year of Jehu began Jehoash to
reign; and he reigned forty years in
Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was
Zibiah of Beer-sheba. 3And Jehoash
did that which was right in the eyes of
the Lord all his days wherein Jehoiada
the priest instructed him. 4Howbeit the
high places were not taken away; the
people still sacrificed and offered in
the high places.

5And Jehoash said to the priests:
‘All the money of the hallowed things
that is brought into the house of the
Lord, in current money, the money of
the persons for whom each man is
rated, all the money that cometh into
any man’s heart to bring into the house
of the Lord, 6let the priests take it to
them, every man from him that
bestoweth it upon him; and they shall
repair the breaches of the house,
wheresoever any breach shall be
found.’ 7But it was so, that in the three
and twentieth year of king Jehoash the
priests had not repaired the breaches of
the house. 8Then king Jehoash called
for Jehoiada the priest, and for the
other priests, and said unto them:
‘Why repair ye not the breaches of the
house? now therefore take no longer
money from them that bestow it upon
you, but deliver it for the breaches of
the house.’ 9And the priests consented
that they should take no longer money

from the people, neither repair the
breaches of the house.

[10]And Jehoiada the priest took a
chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it,
and set it beside the altar, on the right
side as one cometh into the house of
the LORD; and the priests that kept the
threshold put therein all the money
that was brought into the house of the
LORD. [11]And it was so, when they saw
that there was much money in the
chest, that the king’s scribe and the
high priest came up, and they put up in
bags and counted the money that was
found in the house of the LORD. [12]And
they gave the money that was weighed
out into the hands of them that did the
work, that had the oversight of the
house of the LORD; and they paid it out
to the carpenters and the builders, that
wrought upon the house of the LORD,
[13]and to the masons and the hewers of
stone, and for buying timber and hewn
stone to repair the breaches of the
house of the LORD, and for all that was
laid out for the house to repair it. [14]But
there were not made for the house of
the LORD cups of silver, snuffers,
basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold,
or vessels of silver, of the money that
was brought into the house of the
LORD; [15]for they gave that to them that
did the work, and repaired therewith
the house of the LORD. [16]Moreover they
reckoned not with the men, into whose
hand they delivered the money to give
to them that did the work; for they
dealt faithfully. [17]The forfeit money,
and the sin money, was not brought
into the house of the LORD; it was the
priests.

[18]Then Hazael king of Aram went
up, and fought against Gath, and took
it; and Hazael set his face to go up to
Jerusalem. [19]And Jehoash king Judah
took all the hallowed things that
Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and
Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah,
had dedicated, and his own hallowed
things, and all the gold that was found
in the treasures of the house of the
LORD, and of the king’s house, and sent
it to Hazael king of Aram; and he went
away from Jerusalem.

[20]Now the rest of the acts of Joash,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Judah? [21]And his servants
arose, and made a conspiracy, and
smote Joash at Beth-millo, on the way
that goeth down to Silla. [22] For Jozacar
the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad
the son of Shomer, his servants, smote
him, and he died; and they buried him
with his fathers in the city of David;
and Amaziah his son reigned in his
stead.

13 In the three and twentieth year
of Joash the son of Ahaziah,
king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of
Jehu began to reign over Israel in
Samaria, and reigned seventeen years.
[2]And he did that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD, and followed the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
wherewith he made Israel to sin; he
departed not therefrom. [3]And the anger
of the LORD was kindled against Israel,

and He delivered them into the hand of
Hazael king of Aram, and into the
hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael,
continually. 4And Jehoahaz besought
the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto
him; for He saw the oppression of
Israel, how that the king of Aram
oppressed them.— 5And the LORD gave
Israel a deliverer, so that they went out
from under the hand of the Arameans;
and the children of Israel dwelt in their
tents, as beforetime. 6Nevertheless
they departed not from the sins of the
house of Jeroboam, wherewith he
made Israel to sin, but walked therein;
and there remained the Asherah also in
Samaria.— 7For there was not left to
Jehoahaz of the people save fifty
horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten
thousand footmen; for the king of
Aram destroyed them, and made them
like the dust in threshing. 8Now the
rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all
that he did, and his might, are they not
written in the book of the chronicles of
the kings of Israel? 9And Jehoahaz
slept with his fathers; and they buried
him in Samaria; and Joash his son
reigned in his stead.

10In the thirty and seventh year of
Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the
son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in
Samaria, and reigned sixteen years.
11And he did that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD; he departed not from
all the sins of Jeroboam the son of
Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to
sin; but he walked therein. 12Now the
rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he
did, and his might wherewith he
fought against Amaziah king of Judah,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel? 13And
Joash slept with his fathers; and
Jeroboam sat upon his throne; and
Joash was buried in Samaria with the
kings of Israel.

14Now Elisha was fallen sick of his
sickness whereof he was to die; and
Joash the king of Israel came down
unto him, and wept over him, and said:
‘My father, my father, the chariots of
Israel and the horsemen thereof! ’
15And Elisha said unto him: ‘Take bow
and arrows’; and he took unto him
bow and arrows. 16And he said to the
king of Israel: ‘Put thy hand upon the
bow’; and he put his hand upon it. And
Elisha laid his hands upon the king’s
hands. 17And he said: ‘Open the
window eastward’; and he opened it.
Then Elisha said: ‘Shoot’; and he shot.
And he said: ‘The LORD’S arrow of
victory, even the arrow of victory
against Aram; for thou shalt smite the
Arameans in Aphek, till thou have
consumed them.’ 18And he said: ‘Take
the arrows’; and he took them. And he
said unto the king of Israel: ‘Smite
upon the ground’; and he smote thrice,
and stayed. 19And the man of God was
wroth with him, and said: ‘Thou
shouldest have smitten five or six
times; then hadst thou smitten Aram
till thou hadst consumed it; whereas
now thou shalt smite Aram but thrice.’

20And Elisha died, and they buried
him. Now the bands of the Moabites

used to invade the land at the coming
in of the year. 21And it came to pass, as
they were burying a man, that, behold,
they spied a band; and they cast the
man into the sepulchre of Elisha; and
as soon as the man touched the bones
of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on
his feet.

22And Hazael king of Aram
oppressed Israel all the days of
Jehoahaz. 23But the LORD was gracious
unto them, and had compassion on
them, and had respect unto them,
because of His covenant with
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would
not destroy them, neither hath He cast
them from His presence until now.
24And Hazael king of Aram died; and
Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead.
25And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz
took again out of the hand of Ben-
hadad the son of Hazael the cities
which he had taken out of the hand of
Jehoahaz his father by war. Three
times did Joash smite him, and
recovered the cities of Israel.

14 In the second year of Joash
son of Joahaz king of Israel
began Amaziah the son of Joash king
of Judah to reign. 2He was twenty and
five years old when he began to reign;
and he reigned twenty and nine years
in Jerusalem; and his mother's name
was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. 3And he
did that which was right in the eyes of
the LORD, yet not like David his father;
he did according to all that Joash his
father had done. 4Howbeit the high
places were not taken away; the people
still sacrificed and offered in the high
places. 5And it came to pass, as soon
as the kingdom was established in his
hand, that he slew his servants who
had slain the king his father; 6but the
children of the murderers he put not to
death; according to that which is
written in the book of the law of
Moses, as the LORD commanded
saying: 'The fathers shall not be put to
death for the children, nor the children
be put to death for the fathers; but
every man shall be put to death for his
own sin.' 7He slew of Edom in the
Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took
Sela by war, and called the name of it
Joktheel, unto this day.

8Then Amaziah sent messengers to
Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of
Jehu, king of Israel, saying: 'Come, let
us look one another in the face.' 9And
Jehoash the king of Israel sent to
Amaziah king of Judah, saying: 'The
thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the
cedar that was in Lebanon, saying:
Give thy daughter to my son to wife;
and there passed by the wild beasts
that were in Lebanon, and trod down
the thistle. 10Thou hast indeed smitten
Edom, and will thy heart lift thee up?
glory therein, and remain at home; for
why shouldest thou meddle with evil,
that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and
Judah with thee? 11But Amaziah would
not hear. So Jehoash king of Israel
went up; and he and Amaziah king of
Judah looked one another in the face at
Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to
Judah. 12And Judah was put to the

worse before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. [13]And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. [14]And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king’s house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

[15]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [16]And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

[17]And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. [18]Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [19]And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. [20]And they brought him upon horses; and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. [21]And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. [22]He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

[23]In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years. [24]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. [25]He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath unto the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which He spoke by the hand of His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher. [26]For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Israel. [27]And the LORD said not that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

[28]Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, for Judah in Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? [29]And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel

began [a]Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. [2]Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. [3]And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. [4]Howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and offered in the high places. [5]And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a house set apart. And Jotham the king’s son was over the household, judging the people of the land. [6]Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [7]And Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

[8]In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. [9]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. [10]And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. [11]Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [12]This was the word of the LORD which He spoke unto Jehu, saying: ‘Thy sons to the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel.’ And so it came to pass.

[13]Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned the space of a month in Samaria. [14]And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. [15]Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. [16]Then Menahem smote Tiphsah, and all that were therein, and the borders thereof, from Tirzah; because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

[17]In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria. [18]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. [19]There came against the land Pul the king of Assyria; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm

[a] In verses 13, 30, &c., *Uzziah*.

the kingdom in his hand. [20]And
Menahem exacted the money of Israel,
even of all the mighty men of wealth,
of each man fifty shekels of silver, to
give to the king of Assyria. So the king
of Assyria turned back, and stayed not
there in the land. [21]Now the rest of the
acts of Menahem, and all that he did,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel? [22]And
Menahem slept with his fathers; and
Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

[23]In the fiftieth year of Azariah king
of Judah Pekahiah the son of
Menahem began to reign over Israel in
Samaria, and reigned two years. [24]And
he did that which was evil in the sight
of the LORD; he departed not from the
sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
wherewith he made Israel to sin. [25]And
Pekah the son of Remaliah, his
captain, conspired against him, and
smote him in Samaria, in the castle of
the king's house, by Argob and by
Arieh; and with him were fifty men of
the Gileadites; and he slew him, and
reigned in his stead. [26]Now the rest of
the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he
did, behold, they are written in the
book of the chronicles of the kings of
Israel. [27]In the two and fiftieth year of
Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son
of Remaliah began to reign over Israel
in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.
[28]And he did that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD; he departed not from
the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,
wherewith he made Israel to sin. [29]In
the days of Pekah king of Israel came
Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and
took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and
Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and
Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of
Naphtali; and he carried them captive
to Assyria. [30]And Hoshea the son of
Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah
the son of Remaliah, and smote him,
and slew him, and reigned in his stead,
in the twentieth year of Jotham the son
of Uzziah. [31]Now the rest of the acts of
Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they
are written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.

[32]In the second year of Pekah the
son of Remaliah king of Israel began
Jotham the son of Uzziah king of
Judah to reign. [33]Five and twenty years
old was he when he began to reign;
and he reigned sixteen years in
Jerusalem; and his mother's name was
Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. [34]And
he did that which was right in the eyes
of the LORD; he did according to all
that his father Uzziah had done.
[35]Howbeit the high places were not
taken away; the people still sacrificed
and offered in the high places. He built
the upper gate of the house of the
LORD. [36]Now the rest of the acts of
Jotham, and all that he did, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? [37]In
those days the LORD began to send
against Judah Rezin the king of Aram,
and Pekah the son of Remaliah. [38]And
Jotham slept with his fathers, and was
buried with his fathers in the city of

David his father; and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

**16** In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. [2]Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem; and he did not that which was right in the eyes of the LORD his God, like David his father. [3]But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. [4]And he sacrificed and offered in the high places, and on the hills, and under every leafy tree.

[5]Then Rezin king of Aram and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war; and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him. [6]At that time Rezin king of Aram recovered Elath to Aram, and drove the Jews from [a]Elath; and the Edomites came to Elath, and dwelt there, unto this day.

[7]So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying: ‘I am thy servant and thy son; come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Aram, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me.’ [8]And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king’s house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. [9]And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

[10]And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. [11]And Urijah the priest built an altar; according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so did Urijah the priest make it against the coming of king Ahaz from Damascus. [12]And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the king drew near unto the altar, and offered thereon. [13]And he offered his burnt-offering and his meal-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and dashed the blood of his peace-offerings against the altar. [14]And the brazen altar, which was before the LORD, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of his altar. [15]And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying: ‘Upon the great altar offer the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king’s burnt-offering, and his meal-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meal-

[a] Heb. *Eloth*.

offering, and their drink-offerings; and dash against it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice; but the brazen altar shall be for me to look to.' [16]Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

[17]And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stone. [18]And the covered place for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he unto the house of the LORD, because of the king of Assyria. [19]Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [20]And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, and reigned nine years. [2]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel that were before him. [3]Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him presents. [4]And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. [5]Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. [6]In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away unto Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

[7]And it was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, [8]and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they practised; [9]and the children of Israel did impute things that were not right unto the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; [10]and they set them up pillars and Asherim upon every high hill, and under every leafy tree; [11]and there they offered in all the high places, as did the nations whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD; [12]and they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them: 'Ye shall not do this thing'; [13]yet the LORD forewarned Israel, and Judah, by the hand of every prophet, and of every seer, saying: 'Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep My commandments and My statutes,

according to all the law which I
commanded your fathers, and which I
sent to you by the hand of My servants
the prophets'; [14]notwithstanding they
would not hear, but hardened their
neck, like to the neck of their fathers,
who believed not in the LORD their
God; [15]and they rejected His statutes,
and His covenant that He made with
their fathers, and His testimonies
wherewith He testified against them;
and they went after things of nought,
and became nought, and after the
nations that were round about them,
concerning whom the LORD had
charged them that they should not do
like them; [16]and they forsook all the
commandments of the LORD their God,
and made them molten images, even
two calves, and made an Asherah, and
worshipped all the host of heaven, and
served Baal; [17]and they caused their
sons and their daughters to pass
through the fire, and used divination
and enchantments, and gave
themselves over to do that which was
evil in the sight of the LORD, to
provoke Him; [18]that the LORD was very
angry with Israel, and removed them
out of His sight; there was none left
but the tribe of Judah only. [19]Also
Judah kept not the commandments of
the LORD their God, but walked in the
statutes of Israel which they practised.
[20]And the LORD rejected all the seed of
Israel, and afflicted them, and
delivered them into the hand of
spoilers, until He had cast them out of
His sight. [21]For He rent Israel from the
house of David; and they made
Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and
Jeroboam drew Israel away from
following the LORD, and made them sin
a great sin. [22]And the children of Israel
walked in all the sins of Jeroboam
which he did; they departed not from
them; [23]until the LORD removed Israel
out of His sight, as He spoke by the
hand of all His servants the prophets.
So Israel was carried away out of their
own land to Assyria, unto this day.

[24]And the king of Assyria brought
men from Babylon, and from Cuthah,
and from Avva, and from Hamath and
Sepharvaim, and placed them in the
cities of Samaria instead of the
children of Israel; and they possessed
Samaria, and dwelt in the cities
thereof. [25]And so it was, at the
beginning of their dwelling there, that
they feared not the LORD; therefore the
LORD sent lions among them, which
killed some of them. [26]Wherefore they
spoke to the king of Assyria, saying:
'The nations which thou hast carried
away, and placed in the cities of
Samaria, know not the manner of the
God of the land; therefore He hath sent
lions among them, and, behold, they
slay them, because they know not the
manner of the God of the land.'

[27]Then the king of Assyria
commanded, saying: 'Carry thither one
of the priests whom ye brought from
thence; and let them go and dwell
there, and let him teach them the
manner of the God of the land.' [28]So
one of the priests whom they had

carried away from Samaria came and
dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how
they should fear the LORD. [29]Howbeit
every nation made gods of their own,
and put them in the houses of the high
places which the Samaritans had
made, every nation in their cities
wherein they dwelt. [30]And the men of
Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and
the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the
men of Hamath made Ashima, [31]and
the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak,
and the Sepharvites burnt their
children in the fire to Adrammelech
and Anammelech, the gods of
Sepharvaim. [32]So they feared the LORD,
and made unto them from among
themselves priests of the high places,
who sacrificed for them in the houses
of the high places. [33]They feared the
LORD, and served their own gods, after
the manner of the nations from among
whom they had been carried away.

[34]Unto this day they do after the
former manners: they fear not the
LORD, neither do they after their
statutes, or after their ordinances, or
after the law or after the
commandment which the LORD
commanded the children of Jacob,
whom He named Israel; [35]with whom
the LORD had made a covenant, and
charged them, saying: ‘Ye shall not
fear other gods, nor bow down to
them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to
them; [36]but the LORD, who brought you
up out of the land of Egypt with great
power and with an outstretched arm,
Him shall ye fear, and Him shall ye
worship, and to Him shall ye sacrifice;
[37]and the statutes and the ordinances,
and the law and the commandment,
which He wrote for you, ye shall
observe to do for evermore; and ye
shall not fear other gods; [38]and the
covenant that I have made with you ye
shall not forget; neither shall ye fear
other gods; [39]but the LORD your God
shall ye fear; and He will deliver you
out of the hand of all your enemies.’
[40]Howbeit they did not hearken, but
they did after their former manner.
[41]So these nations feared the LORD, and
served their graven images; their
children likewise, and their children’s
children, as did their fathers, so do
they unto this day.

18 Now it came to pass in the
third year of Hoshea son of
Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the
son of Ahaz king of Judah began to
reign. [2]Twenty and five years old was
he when he began to reign; and he
reigned twenty and nine years in
Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was
Abi the daughter of Zechariah. [3]And
he did that which was right in the eyes
of the LORD, according to all that
David his father had done. [4]He
removed the high places, and broke the
pillars, and cut down the Asherah; and
he broke in pieces the brazen serpent
that Moses had made; for unto those
days the children of Israel did offer to
it; and it was called [a]Nehushtan. [5]He
trusted in the LORD, the God of Israel;

[a] That is, *A thing of brass*.

so that after him was none like him
among all the kings of Judah, nor
among them that were before him.
[6]For he cleaved to the LORD, he
departed not from following Him, but
kept His commandments, which the
LORD commanded Moses. [7]And the
LORD was with him: whithersoever he
went forth he prospered; and he
rebelled against the king of Assyria,
and served him not. [8]He smote the
Philistines unto Gaza and the borders
thereof, from the tower of the
watchmen to the fortified city. [9]And it
came to pass in the fourth year of king
Hezekiah, which was the seventh year
of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel,
that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came
up against Samaria, and besieged it.
[10]And at the end of three years they
took it; even in the sixth year of
Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of
Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was
taken. [11]And the king of Assyria
carried Israel away unto Assyria, and
put them in Halah, and in Habor, on
the river of Gozan, and in the cities of
the Medes; [12]because they hearkened
not to the voice of the LORD their God,
but transgressed His covenant, even all
that Moses the servant of the LORD
commanded, and would not hear it,
nor do it.

[13]Now in the fourteenth year of king
Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of
Assyria come up against all the
fortified cities of Judah, and took
them. [14]And Hezekiah king of Judah
sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish,
saying: 'I have offended; return from
me; that which thou puttest on me will
I bear.' And the king of Assyria
appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah
three hundred talents of silver and
thirty talents of gold. [15]And Hezekiah
gave him all the silver that was found
in the house of the LORD, and in the
treasures of the king's house. [16]At that
time did Hezekiah cut off the gold
from the doors of the temple of the
LORD, and from the door-posts which
Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid,
and gave it to the king of Assyria.

[17]And the king of Assyria sent
[a]Tartan and [b]Rab-saris and [c]Rab-
shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah
with a great army unto Jerusalem. And
they went up and came to Jerusalem.
And when they were come up, they
came and stood by the conduit of the
upper pool, which is in the highway of
the fullers'field. [18]And when they had
called to the king, there came out to
them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who
was over the household, and Shebnah
the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph
the recorder.

[19]And Rab-shakeh said unto them:
'Say ye now to Hezekiah: Thus saith
the great king, the king of Assyria:
What confidence is this wherein thou
trustest? [20]Sayest thou that a mere
word of the lips is counsel and strength
for the war? Now on whom dost thou

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[a] That is, *commander-in-chief*.
[b] That is, *chief of the eunuchs*.
[c] That is, *chief butler*.

trust, that thou hast rebelled against
me? [21]Now, behold, thou trustest upon
the staff of this bruised reed, even
upon Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it
will go into his hand, and pierce it; so
is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that
trust on him. [22]But if ye say unto me:
We trust in the LORD our God; is not
that He, whose high places and whose
altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and
hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem:
Ye shall worship before this altar in
Jerusalem? [23]Now therefore, I pray
thee, make a wager with my master the
king of Assyria, and I will give thee
two thousand horses, if thou be able on
thy part to set riders upon them. [24]How
then canst thou turn away the face of
one captain, even of the least of my
masters servants? and yet thou puttest
thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for
horsemen! [25]Am I now come up
without the LORD against this place to
destroy it? The LORD said unto me: Go
up against this land, destroy it.'

[26]Then said Eliakim the son of
Hilkiah, and Shebnah, and Joah, unto
Rab-shakeh: 'Speak, I pray thee, to thy
servants in the Aramean language; for
we understand it; and speak not with
us in the Jews'language, in the ears of
the people that are on the wall.' [27]But
Rab-shakeh said unto them: 'Hath my
master sent me to thy master, and to
thee, to speak these words? hath he not
sent me to the men that sit on the wall,
to eat their own dung, and to drink
their own water with you?' [28]Then
Rab-shakeh stood, and cried with a
loud voice in the Jews'language, and
spoke, saying: 'Hear ye the word of
the great king, the king of Assyria.
[29]Thus saith the king: Let not Hezekiah
beguile you; for he will not be able to
deliver you out of his hand; [30]neither
let Hezekiah make you trust in the
LORD, saying: The LORD will surely
deliver us, and this city shall not be
given into the hand of the king of
Assyria. [31]Hearken not to Hezekiah;
for thus saith the king of Assyria:
Make your peace with me, and come
out to me; and eat ye every one of his
vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and
drink ye every one the waters of his
own cistern; [32]until I come and take
you away to a land like your own land,
a land of corn and wine, a land of
bread and vineyards, a land of olive-
trees and of honey, that ye may live,
and not die; and hearken not unto
Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you,
saying: The LORD will deliver us.
[33]Hath any of the gods of the nations
ever delivered his land out of the hand
of the king of Assyria? [34]Where are the
gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where
are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena,
and Ivvah? have they delivered
Samaria out of my hand? [35]Who are
they among all the gods of the
countries, that have delivered their
country out of my hand, that the LORD
should deliver Jerusalem out of my
hand?'

[36]But the people held their peace,
and answered him not a word; for the
king's commandment was, saying:

'Answer him not.' 37Then came
Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was
over the household, and Shebna the
scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the
recorder, to Hezekiah with their
clothes rent, and told him the words of
Rab-shakeh.

19 And it came to pass, when
king Hezekiah heard it, that he
rent his clothes, and covered himself
with sackcloth, and went into the
house of the Lord. 2And he sent
Eliakim, who was over the household,
and Shebna the scribe, and the elders
of the priests, covered with sackcloth,
unto Isaiah the prophet the son of
Amoz. 3And they said unto him: 'Thus
saith Hezekiah: This day is a day of
trouble, and of rebuke, and of
contumely; for the children are come
to the birth, and there is not strength to
bring forth. 4It may be the Lord thy
God will hear all the words of Rab-
shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his
master hath sent to taunt the living
God, and will rebuke the words which
the Lord thy God hath heard;
wherefore make prayer for the remnant
that is left.' 5So the servants of king
Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6And Isaiah
said unto them: 'Thus shall ye say to
your master: Thus saith the Lord: Be
not afraid of the words that thou hast
heard, wherewith the servants of the
king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.
7Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and
he shall hear a rumour, and shall return
to his own land; and I will cause him
to fall by the sword in his own land.'

8So Rab-shakeh returned, and found
the king of Assyria warring against
Libnah; for he had heard that he was
departed from Lachish. 9And when he
heard say of Tirhakah king of
Ethiopia: 'Behold, he is come out to
fight against thee'; he sent messengers
again unto Hezekiah, saying: 10'Thus
shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of
Judah, saying: Let not thy God in
whom thou trustest beguile thee,
saying: Jerusalem shall not be given
into the hand of the king of Assyria.
11Behold, thou hast heard what the
kings of Assyria have done to all
lands, by destroying them utterly; and
shalt thou be delivered? 12Have the
gods of the nations delivered them,
which my fathers have destroyed,
Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and
the children of Eden that were in
Telassar? 13Where is the king of
Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and
the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of
Hena, and Ivvah?'

14And Hezekiah received the letter
from the hand of the messengers, and
read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the
house of the Lord, and spread it before
the Lord. 15And Hezekiah prayed
before the Lord, and said: 'O Lord, the
God of Israel, that sittest upon the
cherubim, Thou art the God, even
Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the
earth; Thou hast made heaven and
earth. 16Incline Thine ear, O Lord, and
hear; open Thine eyes, O Lord, and
see; and hear the words of
Sennacherib, wherewith he hath sent

him to taunt the living God. 17 Of a
truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have
laid waste the nations and their lands,
18 and have cast their gods into the fire;
for they were no gods, but the work of
men's hands, wood and stone;
therefore they have destroyed them.
19 Now therefore, O LORD our God,
save Thou us, I beseech Thee, out of
his hand, that all the kingdoms of the
earth may know that Thou art the LORD
God, even Thou only.'

20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent
to Hezekiah, saying: 'Thus saith the
LORD, the God of Israel: Whereas thou
hast prayed to Me against Sennacherib
king of Assyria, I have heard thee.
21 This is the word that the LORD hath
spoken concerning him:

The virgin daughter of Zion
Hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
Hath shaken her head at thee.
22 Whom hast thou taunted and
Blasphemed?
And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice?
Yea, thou hast lifted up thine eyes on high,
Even against the Holy One of Israel!
23 By the messengers thou hast taunted the Lord,
And hast said: With the multitude of my chariots
Am I come up to the height of the mountains,
To the innermost parts of Lebanon;
And I have cut down the tall cedars thereof,
And the choice cypresses thereof; and I have entered into his farthest lodge,
The forest of his fruitful field.
24 I have digged and drunk
Strange waters,
And with the sole of my feet have I dried up
All the rivers of Egypt.

25 Hast thou not heard?
Long ago I made it,
In ancient times I fashioned it;
Now have I brought it to pass,
Yea, it is done; that fortified cities
Should be laid waste into ruinous heaps.
26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power,
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were as the grass of the field,
And as the green herb,
As the grass on the housetops,
And as corn blasted before it is grown up.

27 But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in,
And thy raging against Me.
28 Because of thy raging against Me,
And for that thy tumult is come up into
Mine ears,
Therefore will I put My hook in thy nose,
And My bridle in thy lips,
And I will turn thee back by the way

By which thou camest.
[29]And this shall be the sign unto
thee: ye shall eat this year that which
groweth of itself, and in the second
year that which springeth of the same;
and in the third year sow ye, and reap,
and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit
thereof. [30]And the remnant that is
escaped of the house of Judah shall
again take root downward, and bear
fruit upward. [31]For out of Jerusalem
shall go forth a remnant, and out of
mount Zion they that shall escape; the
zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform
this. [32]Therefore thus saith the LORD
concerning the king of Assyria: He
shall not come unto this city, nor shoot
an arrow there, neither shall he come
before it with shield, nor cast a mound
against it. [33]By the way that he came,
by the same shall he return, and he
shall not come unto this city, saith the
LORD. [34]For I will defend this city to
save it, for Mine own sake, and for My
servant David's sake.'

[35]And it came to pass that night, that
the angel of the LORD went forth, and
smote in the camp of the Assyrians a
hundred fourscore and five thousand;
and when men arose early in the
morning, behold, they were all dead
corpses. [36]So Sennacherib king of
Assyria departed, and went and
returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. [37]And
it came to pass, as he was worshipping
in the house of Nisroch his god, that
Adrammelech and Sarezer his sons
smote him with the sword; and they
escaped into the land of Ararat. And
Esarhaddon his son reigned in his
stead.

20 In those days was Hezekiah
sick unto death. And Isaiah the
prophet the son of Amoz came to him,
and said unto him: 'Thus saith the
LORD: Set thy house in order; for thou
shalt die, and not live.' [2]Then he
turned his face to the wall, and prayed
unto the LORD, saying: [3]'Remember
now, O LORD, I beseech Thee, how I
have walked before Thee in truth and
with a whole heart, and have done that
which is good in Thy sight.' And
Hezekiah wept sore. [4]And it came to
pass, before Isaiah was gone out of the
inner court of the city, that the word of
the LORD came to him, saying:
[5]'Return, and say to Hezekiah the
prince of My people: Thus saith the
LORD, the God of David thy father: I
have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy
tears; behold, I will heal thee; on the
third day thou shalt go up unto the
house of the LORD. [6]And I will add
unto thy days fifteen years; and I will
deliver thee and this city out of the
hand of the king of Assyria; and I will
defend this city for Mine own sake,
and for My servant David's sake.'
[7]And Isaiah said: 'Take a cake of figs.'
And they took and laid it on the boil,
and he recovered.

[8]And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah:
'What shall be the sign that the LORD
will heal me, and that I shall go up
unto the house of the LORD the third
day?' [9]And Isaiah said: 'This shall be
the sign unto thee from the LORD, that

the LORD will do the thing that He hath
spoken: shall the shadow go forward
ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?
10 And Hezekiah answered: ‘It is a light
thing for the shadow to decline ten
degrees; nay, but let the shadow return
backward ten degrees.’ 11 And Isaiah
the prophet cried unto the LORD; and
he brought the shadow ten degrees
backward, by which it had gone down
on the dial of Ahaz.

12 At that time Berodach-baladan the
son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent
a letter and a present unto Hezekiah;
for he had heard that Hezekiah had
been sick. 13 And Hezekiah hearkened
unto them, and showed them all his
treasure-house, the silver, and the
gold, and the spices, and the precious
oil, and the house of his armour, and
all that was found in his treasures;
there was nothing in his house, nor in
all his dominion, that Hezekiah
showed them not. 14 Then came Isaiah
the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and
said unto him: ‘What said these men?
and from whence came they unto
thee?’ And Hezekiah said: ‘They are
come from a far country, even from
Babylon.’ 15 And he said: ‘What have
they seen in thy house?’ And Hezekiah
answered: ‘All that is in my house
have they seen; there is nothing among
my treasures that I have not shown
them.’

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah:
‘Hear the word of the LORD. 17 Behold,
the days come, that all that is in thy
house, and that which thy fathers have
laid up in store unto this day, shall be
carried to Babylon; nothing shall be
left, saith the LORD. 18 And of thy sons
that shall issue from thee, whom thou
shalt beget, shall they take away; and
they shall be officers in the palace of
the king of Babylon.’ 19 Then said
Hezekiah unto Isaiah: ‘Good is the
word of the LORD which thou hast
spoken.’ He said moreover: ‘Is it not
so, if peace and truth shall be in my
days?’

20 Now the rest of the acts of
Hezekiah, and all his might, and how
he made the pool, and the conduit, and
brought water into the city, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah?
21 And Hezekiah slept with his fathers;
and Manasseh his son reigned in his
stead.

## 21

Manasseh was twelve years
old when he began to reign;
and he reigned five and fifty years in
Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was
Hephzi-bah. 2 And he did that which
was evil in the sight of the LORD, after
the abominations of the nations, whom
the LORD cast out before the children
of Israel. 3 For he built again the high
places which Hezekiah his father had
destroyed; and he reared up altars for
Baal, and made an Asherah, as did
Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped
all the host of heaven, and served
them. 4 And he built altars in the house
of the LORD, whereof the LORD said: ‘In
Jerusalem will I put My name.’ 5 And

he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. [6]And he made his son to pass through the fire, and practised soothsaying, and used enchantments, and appointed them that divined by a ghost or a familiar spirit: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him. [7]And he set the graven image of Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which the Lord said to David and to Solomon his son: 'In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put My name for ever; [8]neither will I cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.' [9]But they hearkened not; and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than did the nations, whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel.

[10]And the Lord spoke by His servants the prophets, saying: [11]'Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, that were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols; [12]therefore thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: Behold, I bring such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. [13]And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. [14]And I will cast off the remnant of Mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; [15]because they have done that which is evil in My sight, and have provoked Me, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.'

[16]Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. [17]Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? [18]And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza; and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

[19]Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. [20]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as did Manasseh his father. [21]And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them. [22]And he forsook the Lord, the God of his fathers, and

walked not in the way of the LORD.
23 And the servants of Amon conspired
against him, and put the king to death
in his own house. 24 But the people of
the land slew all them that had
conspired against king Amon; and the
people of the land made Josiah his son
king in his stead. 25 Now the rest of the
acts of Amon which he did, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah?
26 And he was buried in his sepulchre
in the garden of Uzza; and Josiah his
son reigned in his stead.

22 Josiah was eight years old
when he began to reign; and
he reigned thirty and one years in
Jerusalem; and his mother's name was
Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of
Bozkath. 2 And he did that which was
right in the eyes of the LORD, and
walked in all the way of David his
father, and turned not aside to the right
hand or to the left.

3 And it came to pass in the
eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the
king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah,
the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to
the house of the LORD, saying. 4 'Go up
to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may
sum the money which is brought into
the house of the LORD, which the
keepers of the door have gathered of
the people; 5 and let them deliver it into
the hand of the workmen that have the
oversight of the house of the LORD; and
let them give it to the workmen that
are in the house of the LORD, to repair
the breaches of the house; 6 unto the
carpenters, and to the builders, and to
the masons; and for buying timber and
hewn stone to repair the house.'—
7 Howbeit there was no reckoning
made with them of the money that was
delivered into their hand; for they dealt
faithfully.

8 And Hilkiah the high priest said
unto Shaphan the scribe: 'I have found
the book of the Law in the house of the
LORD.' And Hilkiah delivered the book
to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 And
Shaphan the scribe came to the king,
and brought back word unto the king,
and said: 'Thy servants have poured
out the money that was found in the
house, and have delivered it into the
hand of the workmen that have the
oversight of the house of the LORD.'
10 And Shaphan the scribe told the
king, saying: 'Hilkiah the priest hath
delivered me a book.' And Shaphan
read it before the king. 11 And it came
to pass, when the king had heard the
words of the book of the Law, that he
rent his clothes. 12 And the king
commanded Hilkiah the priest, and
Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and
Achbor the son of Micaiah, and
Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the
king's servant, saying: 13 'Go ye,
inquire of the LORD for me, and for the
people, and for all Judah, concerning
the words of this book that is found;
for great is the wrath of the LORD that
is kindled against us, because our
fathers have not hearkened unto the
words of this book, to do according

unto all that which is written concerning us.’

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe—now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter—and they spoke with her. 15 And she said unto them: ‘Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me: 16 Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read; 17 because they have forsaken Me, and have offered unto other gods, that they might provoke Me with all the work of their hands; therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched. 18 But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: As touching the words which thou hast heard, 19 because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become an astonishment and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before Me, I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. 20 Therefore, behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place.’ And they brought back word unto the king.

**23** And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great; and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. 3 And the king stood on the platform, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep His commandments, and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book; and all the people stood to the covenant.

4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. 5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to offer in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that offered unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and

to the constellations, and to all the host
of heaven. [6]And he brought out the
Asherah from the house of the Lord,
without Jerusalem, unto the brook
Kidron, and burned it at the brook
Kidron, and stamped it small to
powder, and cast the powder thereof
upon the graves of the common
people. [7]And he broke down the
houses of the sodomites, that were in
the house of the Lord, where the
women wove coverings for the
Asherah. [8]And he brought all the
priests out of the cities of Judah, and
defiled the high places where the
priests had made offerings, from Geba
to Beer-sheba; and he broke down the
high places of the gates that were at
the entrance of the gate of Joshua the
governor of the city, which were on a
man's left hand as he entered the gate
of the city. [9]Nevertheless the priests of
the high places came not up to the altar
of the Lord in Jerusalem, but they did
eat unleavened bread among their
brethren. [10]And he defiled Topheth,
which is in the valley of the son of
Hinnom, that no man might make his
son or his daughter to pass through the
fire to Molech. [11]And he took away the
horses that the kings of Judah had
given to the sun, at the entrance of the
house of the Lord, by the chamber of
Nethan-melech the officer, which was
in the precincts; and he burned the
chariots of the sun with fire. [12]And the
altars that were on the roof of the
upper chamber of Ahaz, which the
kings of Judah had made, and the
altars which Manasseh had made in
the two courts of the house of the
Lord, did the king break down, and
beat them down from thence, and cast
the dust of them into the brook Kidron.
[13]And the high places that were before
Jerusalem, which were on the right
hand of the mount of corruption,
which Solomon the king of Israel had
builded for Ashtoreth the detestation
of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the
detestation of Moab, and for Milcom
the abomination of the children of
Ammon, did the king defile. [14]And he
broke in pieces the pillars, and cut
down the Asherim, and filled their
places with the bones of men.

[15]Moreover the altar that was at
Beth-el, and the high place which
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made
Israel to sin, had made, even that altar
and the high place he broke down; and
he burned the high place and stamped
it small to powder, and burned the
Asherah. [16]And as Josiah turned
himself, he spied the sepulchres that
were there in the mount; and he sent,
and took the bones out of the
sepulchres, and burned them upon the
altar, and defiled it, according to the
word of the Lord which the man of
God proclaimed, who proclaimed
these things. [17]Then he said: 'What
monument is that which I see'And the
men of the city told him: 'It is the
sepulchre of the man of God, who
came from Judah, and proclaimed
these things that thou hast done against
the altar of Beth-el.' [18]And he said:

'Let him be; let no man move his
bones.' So they let his bones alone,
with the bones of the prophet that
came out of Samaria. [19]And all the
houses also of the high places that
were in the cities of Samaria, which
the kings of Israel had made to
provoke [the Lord], Josiah took away,
and did to them according to all the
acts that he had done in Beth-el. [20]And
he slew all the priests of the high
places that were there, upon the altars,
and burned men's bones upon them;
and he returned to Jerusalem.

[21]And the king commanded all the
people, saying: 'Keep the passover
unto the Lord your God, as it is
written in this book of the covenant.'
[22]For there was not kept such a
passover from the days of the judges
that judged Israel, nor in all the days of
the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of
Judah; [23]but in the eighteenth year of
king Josiah was this passover kept to
the Lord in Jerusalem. [24]Moreover
them that divined by a ghost or a
familiar spirit, and the teraphim, and
the idols, and all the detestable things
that were spied in the land of Judah
and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away,
that he might confirm the words of the
law which were written in the book
that Hilkiah the priest found in the
house of the Lord. [25]And like unto him
was there no king before him, that
turned to the Lord with all his heart,
and with all his soul, and with all his
might, according to all the law of
Moses; neither after him arose there
any like him.

[26]Notwithstanding the Lord turned
not from the fierceness of His great
wrath, wherewith His anger was
kindled against Judah, because of all
the provocations wherewith Manasseh
had provoked Him. [27]And the Lord
said: 'I will remove Judah also out of
My sight, as I have removed Israel,
and I will cast off this city which I
have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the
house of which I said: My name shall
be there.'

[28]Now the rest of the acts of Josiah,
and all that he did, are they not written
in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Judah? [29]In his days Pharaoh-
necoh king of Egypt went up against
the king of Assyria to the river
Euphrates; and king Josiah went
against him; and he slew him at
Megiddo, when he had seen him.
[30]And his servants carried him in a
chariot dead from Megiddo, and
brought him to Jerusalem, and buried
him in his own sepulchre. And the
people of the land took Jehoahaz the
son of Josiah, and anointed him, and
made him king in his father's stead.

[31]Jehoahaz was twenty and three
years old when he began to reign; and
he reigned three months in Jerusalem;
and his mother's name was Hamutal
the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
[32]And he did that which was evil in the
sight of the Lord, according to all that
his fathers had done. [33]And Pharaoh-
necoh put him in bands at Riblah in

the land of Hamath, that he might not
reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to
a fine of a hundred talents of silver,
and a talent of gold. 34And Pharaoh-
necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah
king in the room of Josiah his father,
and changed his name to Jehoiakim;
but he took Jehoahaz away; and he
came to Egypt, and died there. 35And
Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold
to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to
give the money according to the
commandment of Pharaoh; he exacted
the silver and the gold of the people of
the land, of every one according to his
taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-
necoh.

36Jehoiakim was twenty and five
years old when he began to reign; and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem;
and his mother's name was Zebudah
the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.
37And he did that which was evil in the
sight of the Lord, according to all that
his fathers had done.

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar
king of Babylon came up, and
Jehoiakim became his servant three
years; then he turned and rebelled
against him. 2And the Lord sent
against him bands of the Chaldeans,
and bands of the Arameans, and bands
of the Moabites, and bands of the
children of Ammon, and sent them
against Judah to destroy it, according
to the word of the Lord, which He
spoke by the hand of His servants the
prophets. 3Surely at the commandment
of the Lord came this upon Judah, to
remove them out of His sight, for the
sins of Manasseh, according to all that
he did; 4and also for the innocent
blood that he shed; for he filled
Jerusalem with innocent blood; and the
Lord would not pardon.

5Now the rest of the acts of
Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they
not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Judah? 6So
Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and
Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.
7And the king of Egypt came not again
any more out of his land; for the king
of Babylon had taken, from the Brook
of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all
that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8Jehoiachin was eighteen years old
when he began to reign; and he
reigned in Jerusalem three months; and
his mother's name was Nehushta the
daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem.
9And he did that which was evil in the
sight of the Lord, according to all that
his father had done. 10At that time the
servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the
city was besieged. 11And
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
came unto the city, while his servants
were besieging it. 12And Jehoiachin the
king of Judah went out to the king of
Babylon, he, and his mother, and his
servants, and his princes, and his
officers; and the king of Babylon took
him in the eighth year of his reign.
13And he carried out thence all the
treasures of the house of the Lord, and
the treasures of the king's house, and

cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. [14]And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. [15]And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. [16]And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. [17]And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

[18]Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. [19]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. [20]For through the anger of the LORD did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until He had cast them out from His presence.

And Zedekiah rebelled against the
25 king of Babylon. [1]And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. [2]So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. [3]On the ninth day of the [fourth] month the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. [4]Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war [fled] by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden—now the Chaldeans were against the city round about—and the king went by the way of the Arabah. [5]But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. [6]Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. [7]And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

[8]Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem. [9]And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great man's

house, burnt he with fire. [10]And all the
army of the Chaldeans, that were with
the captain of the guard, broke down
the walls of Jerusalem round about.
[11]And the residue of the people that
were left in the city, and those that fell
away, that fell to the king of Babylon,
and the residue of the multitude, did
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
carry away captive. [12]But the captain
of the guard left of the poorest of the
land to be vinedressers and
husbandmen.

[13]And the pillars of brass that were
in the house of the LORD, and the bases
and the brazen sea that were in the
house of the LORD, did the Chaldeans
break in pieces, and carried the brass
of them to Babylon. [14]And the pots,
and the shovels, and the snuffers, and
the pans, and all the vessels of brass
wherewith they ministered, took they
away. [15]And the fire-pans, and the
basins, that which was of gold, in gold,
and that which was of silver, in silver,
the captain of the guard took away.
[16]The two pillars, the one sea, and the
bases, which Solomon had made for
the house of the LORD; the brass of all
these vessels was without weight.
[17]The height of the one pillar was
eighteen cubits, and a capital of brass
was upon it; and the height of the
capital was three cubits; with network
and pomegranates upon the capital
round about, all of brass; and like unto
these had the second pillar with
network.

[18]And the captain of the guard took
Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah
the second priest, and the three keepers
of the door; [19]and out of the city he
took an officer that was set over the
men of war; and five men of them that
saw the king's face, who were found
in the city; and the scribe of the
captain of the host, who mustered the
people of the land; and threescore men
of the people of the land, that were
found in the city. [20]And Nebuzaradan
the captain of the guard took them, and
brought them to the king of Babylon to
Riblah. [21]And the king of Babylon
smote them, and put them to death at
Riblah in the land of Hamath. So
Judah was carried away captive out of
his land. [22]And as for the people that
were left in the land of Judah, whom
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had
left, even over them he made Gedaliah
the son of Ahikam, the son of
Shaphan, governor.

[23]Now when all the captains of the
forces, they and their men, heard that
the king of Babylon had made
Gedaliah governor, they came to
Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the
son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son
of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of
Tanhumeth the Netophathite and
Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite,
they and their men. [24]And Gedaliah
swore to them and to their men, and
said unto them: 'Fear not because of
the servants of the Chaldeans; dwell in
the land, and serve the king of
Babylon, and it shall be well with

you.' [25]But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. [26]And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

[27]And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison. [28]And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon. [29]And he changed his prison garments, and did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life. [30]And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

# ישעיה

# ISAIAH

1 The Vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth,
For the LORD hath spoken:
Children I have reared, and brought up,
And they have rebelled against Me.
3 The ox knoweth his owner,
And the ass his master's crib;
But Israel doth not know,
My people doth not consider.

4 Ah sinful nation,
A people laden with iniquity,
A seed of evil-doers,
Children that deal corruptly;
They have forsaken the LORD,
They have contemned the Holy One of
Israel,
They are turned away backward.
5 On what part will ye yet be stricken,
Seeing ye stray away more and more?
The whole head is sick,
And the whole heart faint;
6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head
There is no soundness in it;
But wounds, and bruises, and festering sores:
They have not been pressed, neither bound up,
Neither mollified with oil.
7 Your country is desolate;
Your cities are burned with fire;
Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,
And it is desolate, as overthrown by floods.
8 And the daughter of Zion is left
As a booth in a vineyard,
As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers,
As a besieged city.
9 Except the LORD of hosts
Had left unto us a very small remnant,
We should have been as Sodom,
We should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD,
Ye rulers of Sodom;
Give ear unto the law of our God,
Ye people of Gomorrah.
11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me?
Saith the LORD;
I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams,
And the fat of fed beasts;

And I delight not in the blood
Of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.
12 When ye come to appear before Me,
Who hath required this at your hand,
To trample My courts?
13 Bring no more vain oblations;
It is an offering of abomination unto Me;
New moon and sabbath, the holding of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity along with the solemn assembly.
14 Your new moons and your appointed seasons
My soul hateth;
They are a burden unto Me;
I am weary to bear them.
15 And when ye spread forth your hands,
I will hide Mine eyes from you;
Yea, when ye make many prayers,
I will not hear;
Your hands are full of blood.
16 Wash you, make you clean,
Put away the evil of your doings
From before Mine eyes,
Cease to do evil;
17 Learn to do well;
Seek justice, relieve the oppressed,
Judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together,
Saith the Lord;
Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they be red like crimson,
They shall be as wool.
19 If ye be willing and obedient,
Ye shall eat the good of the land;
20 But if ye refuse and rebel,
Ye shall be devoured with the sword;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken.

21 How is the faithful city
Become a harlot!
She that was full of justice,
Righteousness lodged in her,
But now murderers.
22 Thy silver is become dross,
Thy wine mixed with water.
23 Thy princes are rebellious,
And companions of thieves;
Every one loveth bribes,
And followeth after rewards;
They judge not the fatherless,
Neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts,
The Mighty One of Israel:
Ah, I will ease Me of Mine adversaries,
And avenge Me of Mine enemies;
25 And I will turn My hand upon thee,
And purge away thy dross as with lye,
And will take away all thine alloy;
26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first,

And thy counsellors as at the beginning;
Afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness,
The faithful city.
27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice,
And they that return of her with righteousness.
28 But the destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together,
And they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.
29 For they shall be ashamed of the terebinths which ye have desired,
And ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.
30 For ye shall be as a terebinth whose leaf fadeth,
And as a garden that hath no water.
31 And the strong shall be as tow,
And his work as a spark;
And they shall both burn together,
And none shall quench them.

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the end of days,
That the mountain of the LORD'S house
Shall be established as the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills;
And all nations shall flow unto it.
3 And many peoples shall go and say:
'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
And He will teach us of His ways,
And we will walk in His paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 And He shall judge between the nations,
And shall decide for many peoples;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruninghooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk
In the light of the LORD.
6 For Thou hast forsaken Thy people the house of Jacob;
For they are replenished from the east,
And with soothsayers like the Philistines,
And they please themselves in the brood of aliens.
7 Their land also is full of silver and gold,
Neither is there any end of their treasures;
Their land also is full of horses,

Neither is there any end of their
chariots.
8 Their land also is full of idols;
Every one worshippeth the work of
his own hands,
That which his own fingers have
made.
9 And man boweth down,
And man lowereth himself;
And Thou canst not bear with them.
10 Enter into the rock,
And hide thee in the dust,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be
brought low,
And the haughtiness of men shall be
bowed down,
And the LORD alone shall be exalted
in that day.

12 For the LORD of hosts hath a day
Upon all that is proud and lofty,
And upon all that is lifted up, and it
shall be brought low;
13 And upon all the cedars of
Lebanon
That are high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan;
14 And upon all the high mountains,
And upon all the hills that are lifted
up; 15 And upon every lofty tower,
And upon every fortified wall;
16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish,
And upon all delightful imagery.
17 And the loftiness of man shall be
bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be
brought low;
And the LORD alone shall be exalted
in that day.

18 And the idols shall utterly pass
away.
19 And men shall go into the caves of
the rocks,
And into the holes of the earth,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty,
When He ariseth to shake mightily
the earth.
20 In that day a man shall cast away
His idols of silver, and his idols of
gold,
Which they made for themselves to
worship,
To the moles and to the bats;
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks,
And into the crevices of the crags,
From before the terror of the LORD,
And from the glory of His majesty,
When he ariseth to shake mightily
the earth.

22 Cease ye from man, in whose
nostrils is a breath;
For how little is he to be accounted!

# 3

For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts,
Doth take away from Jerusalem and
from Judah
Stay and staff,
Every stay of bread, and every stay
of water;
2 The mighty man, and the man of
war;
The judge, and the prophet,

And the diviner, and the elder;
3The captain of fifty, and the man of rank,
And the counsellor, and the cunning charmer, and the skilful enchanter.
4And I will give children to be their princes,
And babes shall rule over them.
5And the people shall oppress one another,
Every man his fellow, and every man his neighbour;
The child shall behave insolently against the aged,
And the base against the honourable,
6For a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father:
'Thou hast a mantle,
Be thou our ruler,
And let this ruin be under thy hand.'
7In that day shall he swear, saying:
'I will not be a healer;
For in my house is neither bread nor a mantle;
Ye shall not make me ruler of a people.'
8For Jerusalem is ruined,
And Judah is fallen;
Because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD,
To provoke the eyes of His glory.

9The show of their countenance doth witness against them;
And they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.
Woe unto their soul!
For they have wrought evil unto themselves.
10Say ye of the righteous, that it shall be well with him;
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
11Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him;
For the work of his hands shall be done to him.
12As for My people, a babe is their master,
And women rule over them.
O My people, they that lead thee cause thee to err,
And destroy the way of thy paths.

13The LORD standeth up to plead,
And standeth to judge the peoples.
14The LORD will enter into judgment
With the elders of His people, and the princes thereof:
'It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard; The spoil of the poor is in your houses;
15What mean ye that ye crush My people,
And grind the face of the poor?'
Saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts.
16Moreover the LORD said:
Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with stretched-forth necks
And wanton eyes,
Walking and mincing as they go,
And making a tinkling with their feet;
17Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab

The crown of the head of the
daughters of Zion,
And the LORD will lay bare their
secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away
the bravery of their anklets, and the
fillets, and the crescents; 19 the
pendants, and the bracelets, and the
veils; 20 the headtires, and the armlets,
and the sashes, and the corselets, and
the amulets; 21 the rings, and the nose-
jewels; 22 the aprons, and the mantelets,
and the cloaks, and the girdles; 23 and
the gauze robes, and the fine linen, and
the turbans, and the mantles. 24 And it
shall come to pass, that

Instead of sweet spices there shall
be rottenness;
And instead of a girdle rags;
And instead of curled hair baldness;
And instead of a stomacher a
girding of sackcloth;
Branding instead of beauty.
25 Thy men shall fall by the sword,
And thy mighty in the war.
26 And her gates shall lament and
mourn;
And utterly bereft she shall sit upon
the ground.

4 And seven women shall take hold
of one man in that day, saying:
'We will eat our own bread, and wear
our own apparel; only let us be called
by thy name; take thou away our
reproach.'

2 In that day shall the growth of the
LORD be beautiful and glorious,
And the fruit of the land excellent
and comely
For them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he
that is left in Zion, and he that
remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called
holy, even every one that is written
unto life in Jerusalem; 4 when the Lord
shall have washed away the filth of the
daughters of Zion, and shall have
purged the blood of Jerusalem from
the midst thereof, by the spirit of
judgment, and by the spirit of
destruction. 5 And the LORD will create
over the whole habitation of mount
Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud
and smoke by day, and the shining of a
flaming fire by night; for over all the
glory shall be a canopy. 6 And there
shall be a pavilion for a shadow in the
day-time from the heat, and for a
refuge and for a covert from storm and
from rain.

5 Let me sing of my well-beloved,
A song of my beloved touching
his vineyard.
My well-beloved had a vineyard
In a very fruitful hill;
2 And he digged it, and cleared it of
stones,
And planted it with the choicest
vine,
And built a tower in the midst of it,
And also hewed out a vat therein;
And he looked that it should bring
forth grapes,
And it brought forth wild grapes.

3And now, O inhabitants of
Jerusalem and men of Judah,
Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and
my vineyard.
4What could have been done more
to my vineyard,
That I have not done in it?
Wherefore, when I looked that it
should bring forth grapes,
Brought it forth wild grapes?

5And now come, I will tell you
What I will do to my vineyard:
I will take away the hedge thereof,
And it shall be eaten up;
I will break down the fence thereof,
And it shall be trodden down;
6And I will lay it waste:
It shall not be pruned nor hoed,
But there shall come up briers and
thorns;
I will also command the clouds
That they rain no rain upon it.

7For the vineyard of the Lord of
hosts is the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah the plant of
His delight;
And He looked for justice, but
behold violence;
For righteousness, but behold a cry.

8Woe unto them that join house to
house,
That lay field to field,
Till there be no room, and ye be
made to dwell
Alone in the midst of the land!
9In mine ears said the Lord of hosts:
Of a truth many houses shall be
desolate,
Even great and fair, without
inhabitant.
10For ten acres of vineyard shall
yield one bath,
And the seed of a homer shall yield
an ephah.

11Woe unto them that rise up early
in the morning,
That they may follow strong drink;
That tarry late into the night,
Till wine inflame them!
12And the harp and the psaltery, the
tabret and the pipe,
And wine, are in their feasts;
But they regard not the work of the
Lord,
Neither have they considered the
operation of His hands.
13Therefore My people are gone into
captivity,
For want of knowledge;
And their honourable men are
famished,
And their multitude are parched
with thirst.
14Therefore the nether-world hath
enlarged her desire,
And opened her mouth without
measure;
And down goeth their glory, and
their tumult, and their uproar,
And he that rejoiceth among them.
15And man is bowed down,
And man is humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty are
humbled;

[16]But the Lord of hosts is exalted
through justice,
And God the Holy One is sanctified
through righteousness.
[17]Then shall the lambs feed as in
their pasture,
And the waste places of the fat ones
shall wanderers eat.

[18]Woe unto them that draw iniquity
with cords of vanity,
And sin as it were with a cart rope,
[19]That say: ‘Let Him make speed, let
Him hasten His work,
That we may see it;
And let the counsel of the Holy One
of Israel draw nigh and come,
That we may know it! ’

[20]Woe unto them that call evil good,
And good evil;
That change darkness into light,
And light into darkness;
That change bitter into sweet,
And sweet into bitter!

[21]Woe unto them that are wise in
their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight!

[22]Woe unto them that are mighty to
drink wine,
And men of strength to mingle
strong drink;
[23]That justify the wicked for a
reward,
And take away the righteousness of
the righteous from him!

[24]Therefore as the tongue of fire
devoureth the stubble,
And as the chaff is consumed in the
flame,
So their root shall be as rottenness,
And their blossom shall go up as
dust;
Because they have rejected the law
of the Lord of hosts,
And contemned the word of the
Holy One of Israel.

[25]Therefore is the anger of the Lord
kindled against His people,
And He hath stretched forth His
hand against them, and hath
smitten them,
And the hills did tremble,
And their carcasses were as refuse
in the midst of the streets.
For all this His anger is not turned
away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

[26]And He will lift up an ensign to
the nations from far,
And will hiss unto them from the
end of the earth;
And, behold, they shall come with
speed swiftly;
[27]None shall be weary nor stumble
among them;
None shall slumber nor sleep;
Neither shall the girdle of their loins
be loosed,
Nor the latchet of their shoes be
broken; [28]Whose arrows are
sharp,
And all their bows bent;

Their horses'hoofs shall be counted
like flint,
And their wheels like a whirlwind;
29 Their roaring shall be like a lion,
They shall roar like young lions,
yea, they shall roar,
And lay hold of the prey, and carry
it away safe,
And there shall be none to deliver.
30 And they shall roar against them in
that day
Like the roaring of the sea;
And if one look unto the land,
Behold darkness and distress,
And the light is darkened in the
skies thereof.

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I
saw the Lord sitting upon a throne
high and lifted up, and His train filled
the temple. 2 Above Him stood the
seraphim; each one had six wings:
with twain he covered his face and
with twain he covered his feet, and
with twain he did fly. 3 And one called
unto another, and said:

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of
hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory.

4 And the posts of the door were
moved at the voice of them that called,
and the house was filled with smoke.
5 Then said I:

Woe is me! for I am undone;
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people
of
unclean lips;
For mine eyes have seen the King,
The LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew unto me one of the
seraphim, with a glowing stone in his
hand, which he had taken with the
tongs from off the altar; 7 and he
touched my mouth with it, and said:

Lo, this hath touched thy lips;
And thine iniquity is taken away,
And thy sin expiated.

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord,
saying:

Whom shall I send,
And who will go for us?

Then I said: 'Here am I; send me.'
9 And He said: 'Go, and tell this
people:

Hear ye indeed, but understand not;
And see ye indeed, but perceive not.
10 Make the heart of this people fat,
And make their ears heavy,
And shut their eyes;
Lest they, seeing with their eyes,
And hearing with their ears,
And understanding with their heart,
Rreturn, and be healed.'

11 Then said I: 'Lord, how long?'
And He answered:

'Until cities be waste without
inhabitant,
And houses without man,
And the land become utterly waste,
12 And the LORD have removed men
far away,
And the forsaken places be many in
the midst of the land.

13 And if there be yet a tenth in it, it
shall again be eaten up; as a terebinth,
and as an oak, whose stock remaineth,

when they cast their leaves, so the holy
seed shall be the stock thereof.'

7 And it came to pass in the days of
Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son
of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin
the king of Aram, and Pekah the son of
Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to
Jerusalem to war against it; but could
not prevail against it. 2And it was told
the house of David, saying: 'Aram is
confederate with Ephraim.' And his
heart was moved, and the heart of his
people, as the trees of the forest are
moved with the wind.

3Then said the LORD unto Isaiah:
'Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and
[a]Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the
conduit of the upper pool, in the
highway of the fullers'field; 4and say
unto him: Keep calm, and be quiet;
fear not, neither let thy heart be faint,
because of these two tails of smoking
firebrands, for the fierce anger of
Rezin and Aram, and of the son of
Remaliah. 5Because Aram hath
counselled evil against thee, Ephraim
also, and the son of Remaliah, saying:
6Let us go up against Judah, and vex it,
and let us make a breach therein for us,
and set up a king in the midst of it,
even the son of Tabeel; 7thus saith the
Lord GOD:

It shall not stand, neither shall it
come to pass.
8For the head of Aram is Damascus,
And the head of Damascus is Rezin;
And within threescore and five
years
Shall Ephraim be broken, that it be
not a people;
9And the head of Ephraim is
Samaria,
And the head of Samaria is
Remaliah's son.
If ye will not have faith, surely ye
shall not be established.'

10And the LORD spoke again unto
Ahaz, saying: 11'Ask thee a sign of the
LORD thy God: ask it either in the
depth, or in the height above.' 12But
Ahaz said: 'I will not ask, neither will
I try the LORD.' 13And he said: 'Hear ye
now, O house of David: Is it a small
thing for you to weary men, that ye
will weary my God also? 14Therefore
the Lord Himself shall give you a sign:
behold, the young woman shall
conceive, and bear a son, and shall call
his name [b]Immanuel. 15Curd and
honey shall he eat, when he knoweth
to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
16Yea, before the child shall know to
refuse the evil, and choose the good,
the land whose two kings thou hast a
horror of shall be forsaken. 17The LORD
shall bring upon thee, and upon thy
people, and upon thy father's house,
days that have not come, from the day
that Ephraim departed from Judah;
even the king of Assyria.'

18And it shall come to pass in that
day,

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[a] That is, *A remnant shall return*.

[b] That is, *God is with us*.

That the LORD shall hiss for the fly
That is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt,
And for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.
[19]And they shall come, and shall rest all of them
In the rugged valleys, and in the holes of the rocks,
And upon all thorns, and upon all brambles.

[20]In that day shall the Lord shave
with a razor that is hired in the parts
beyond the River, even with the king
of Assyria, the head and the hair of the
feet; and it shall also sweep away the
beard.

[21]And it shall come to pass in that
day, that a man shall rear a young cow,
and two sheep; [22]and it shall come to
pass, for the abundance of milk that
they shall give, he shall eat curd; for
curd and honey shall every one eat that
is left in the midst of the land.

[23]And it shall come to pass in that
day, that every place, where there were
a thousand vines at a thousand
silverlings, shall even be for briers and
thorns. [24]With arrows and with bow
shall one come thither; because all the
land shall become briers and thorns.
[25]And all the hills that were digged
with the mattock, thou shalt not come
thither for fear of briers and thorns, but
it shall be for the sending forth of
oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

8 And the LORD said unto me: 'Take
thee a great tablet, and write upon
it in common script: The spoil
speedeth, the prey hasteth; [2]and I will
take unto Me faithful witnesses to
record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah
the son of Jeberechiah.' [3]And I went
unto the prophetess; and she
conceived, and bore a son. Then said
the LORD unto me: 'Call his name
[a]Maher-shalal-hashbaz. [4]For before the
child shall have knowledge to cry: My
father, and: My mother, the riches of
Damascus and the spoil of Samaria
shall be carried away before the king
of Assyria.'

[5]And the LORD spoke unto me yet
again, saying:

[6]Forasmuch as this people hath refused
The waters of Shiloah that go softly,
And rejoiceth with Rezin and Remaliah's son;
[7]Now therefore, behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them
The waters of the River, mighty and many,
Even the king of Assyria and all his glory;
And he shall come up over all his channels,
And go over all his banks;
[8]And he shall sweep through Judah
Overflowing as he passeth through
He shall reach even to the neck;
And the stretching out of his wings
Shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

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[a] That is, *The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth*.

9Make an uproar, O ye peoples, and
ye shall be broken in pieces;
And give ear, all ye of far countries;
Gird yourselves, and ye shall be
broken in pieces;
Gird yourselves, and ye shall be
broken in pieces.
10Take counsel together, and it shall
be brought to nought;
Speak the word, and it shall not
stand;
For God is with us.
11For the Lord spoke thus to me
with a strong hand, admonishing me
that I should not walk in the way of
this people, saying: 12'Say ye not: A
conspiracy, concerning all whereof
this people do say: A conspiracy;
neither fear ye their fear, nor account it
dreadful. 13The Lord of hosts, Him
shall ye sanctify; and let Him be your
fear, and let Him be your dread. 14And
He shall be for a sanctuary; but for a
stone of stumbling and for a rock of
offence to both the houses of Israel,
for a gin and for a snare to the
inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15And many
among them shall stumble, and fall,
and be broken, and be snared, and be
taken.'
16'Bind up the testimony, seal the
instruction among My disciples.'
17And I will wait for the Lord, that
hideth His face from the house of
Jacob, and I will look for Him.
18Behold, I and the children whom the
Lord hath given me shall be for signs
and for wonders in Israel from the
Lord of hosts, who dwelleth in mount
Zion. 19And when they shall say unto
you: 'Seek unto the ghosts and the
familiar spirits, that chirp and that
mutter; should not a people seek unto
their God? on behalf of the living unto
the dead 20for instruction and for
testimony?'—Surely they will speak
according to this word, wherein there
is no light.— 21And they shall pass this
way that are sore bestead and hungry;
and it shall come to pass that, when
they shall be hungry, they shall fret
themselves, and curse by their king
and by their God, and, whether they
turn their faces upward, 22or look unto
the earth, behold distress and darkness,
the gloom of anguish, and outspread
thick darkness. 23For is there no gloom
to her that was stedfast? Now the
former hath lightly afflicted the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but
the latter hath dealt a more grievous
blow by the way of the sea, beyond the
Jordan, in the district of the nations.

9 The people that walked in darkness Have seen a great light;
They that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them hath the light shined.
2Thou hast multiplied the nation,
Thou hast increased their joy;
They joy before Thee according to
the joy in harvest,
As men rejoice when they divide the
spoil.
3For the yoke of his burden,
And the staff of his shoulder,

The rod of his oppressor,
Thou hast broken as in the day of Midian.
For every boot stamped with fierceness,
And every cloak rolled in blood,
Shall even be for burning, for fuel of fire.
5 For a child is born unto us,
A son is given unto us;
And the government is upon his shoulder;
And his name is called
[a]Pele-joez-el-gibbor-
Abi-ad-sar-shalom;
6 That the government may be increased, And of peace there be no end,
Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,
To establish it, and to uphold it
Through justice and through righteousness From henceforth even for ever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts doth perform this.

7 The Lord sent a word into Jacob,
And it hath lighted upon Israel.
8 And all the people shall know,
Even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria,
That say in pride and in arrogancy of heart:
9 'The bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stones;
The sycamores are cut down, but cedars will we put in their place.'
10 Therefore the LORD doth set upon high the adversaries of Rezin against him,
And spur his enemies;
11 The Arameans on the east, and the Philistines on the west;
And they devour Israel with open mouth.
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

12 Yet the people turneth not unto Him that smiteth them,
Neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.
13 Therefore the LORD doth cut off from Israel head and tail,
Palm-branch and rush, in one day.
14 The elder and the man of rank, he is the head;
And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
15 For they that lead this people cause them to err;
And they that are led of them are destroyed.
16 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men,
Neither shall He have compassion on their fatherless and widows;
For every one is ungodly and an evil-doer,
And every mouth speaketh wantonness.

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[a] That is, *Wonderful in counsel is God, the Mighty, the Everlasting Father, the Ruler of peace*.

For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

17 For wickedness burneth as the fire;
It devoureth the briers and thorns;
Yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest,
And they roll upward in thick clouds of smoke.
18 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land burnt up;
The people also are as the fuel of fire;
No man spareth his brother.
19 And one snatcheth on the right hand, and is hungry;
And he eateth on the left hand, and is not satisfied;
They eat every man the flesh of his own arm:
20 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh;
And they together are against Judah.
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees,
And to the writers that write iniquity;
2 To turn aside the needy from judgment,
And to take away the right of the poor of My people,
That widows may be their spoil,
And that they may make the fatherless their prey!
3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation,
And in the ruin which shall come from far?
To whom will ye flee for help?
And where will ye leave your glory?
4 They can do nought except crouch under the captives,
And fall under the slain.
For all this His anger is not turned away,
But His hand is stretched out still.

5 O Asshur, the rod of Mine anger,
In whose hand as a staff is Mine
indignation!
6 I do send him against an ungodly
nation, And against the people of My
wrath do I give him a charge,
To take the spoil, and to take the
prey,
And to tread them down like the
mire of the streets.
7 Howbeit he meaneth not so,
Neither doth his heart think so;
But it is in his heart to destroy,
And to cut off nations not a few.
8 For he saith: ‘Are not my princes
all of them kings?
9 Is not Calno as Carchemish?
Is not Hamath as Arpad?
Is not Samaria as Damascus?
10 As my hand hath reached the
kingdoms of the idols,
Whose graven images did exceed
them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
11 Shall I not, as I have done unto

Samaria and her idols,
So do to Jerusalem and her idols?'
[12]Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed His whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks.
[13]For he hath said:
By the strength of my hand I have done it,
And by my wisdom, for I am prudent;
In that I have removed the bounds of the peoples,
And have robbed their treasures,
And have brought down as one mighty the inhabitants;
[14]And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples;
And as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken,
Have I gathered all the earth;
And there was none that moved the wing, Or that opened mouth, or chirped.

[15]Should the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?
Should the saw magnify itself against him that moveth it?
As if a rod should move them that lift it up,
Or as if a staff should lift up him that is not wood.
[16]Therefore will the Lord, the Lord of hosts,
Send among his fat ones leanness;
And under his glory there shall be kindled
A burning like the burning of fire.
[17]And the light of Israel shall be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame;
And it shall burn and devour his thorns
And his briers in one day.
[18]And the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field,
He will consume both soul and body;
And it shall be as when a sick man wasteth away.
[19]And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few,
That a child may write them down.

[20]And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the remnant of Israel,
And they that are escaped of the house of Jacob,
Shall no more again stay upon him that smote them;
But shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
[21] [a]A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob,
Unto God the Mighty.
[22]For though thy people, O Israel, be as the sand of the sea,
Only a remnant of them shall return;
An extermination is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

[a] Heb. *shear jashub*.

23For an extermination wholly
determined
Shall the Lord, the GOD of hosts,
make in the midst of all the earth.

24Therefore thus saith the Lord, the
GOD of hosts: O My people that
dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of
Asshur, though he smite thee with the
rod, and lift up his staff against thee,
after the manner of Egypt. 25For yet a
very little while, and the indignation
shall be accomplished, and Mine anger
shall be to their destruction. 26And the
LORD of hosts shall stir up against him
a scourge, as in the slaughter of
Midian at the Rock of Oreb; and as
His rod was over the sea, so shall He
lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
27And it shall come to pass in that day,
that

His burden shall depart from off thy
shoulder,
And his yoke from off thy neck,
And the yoke shall be destroyed by
reason of fatness.
28He is come to Aiath,
He is passed through Migron;
At Michmas he layeth up his
baggage;
29They are gone over the pass;
They have taken up their lodging at
Geba; Ramah trembleth;
Gibeath-shaul is fled.
30Cry thou with a shrill voice, O
daughter of Gallim!
Hearken, O Laish! O thou poor
Anathoth!
31Madmenah is in mad flight;
The inhabitants of Gebim flee to
cover.
32This very day shall he halt at Nob,
Shaking his hand at the mount of the
daughter of Zion,
The hill of Jerusalem.

33Behold, the Lord, the LORD of
hosts,
Shall lop the boughs with terror;
And the high ones of stature shall be
hewn down,
And the lofty shall be laid low.
34And He shall cut down the
thickets of the forest with iron,
And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty
one.

11 And there shall come forth a
shoot out of the stock of
Jesse,
And a twig shall grow forth out of
his roots.
2And the spirit of the LORD shall rest
upon him,
The spirit of wisdom and
understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge and of the
fear of the LORD.
3And his delight shall be in the fear
of the LORD;
And he shall not judge after the
sight of his eyes,
Neither decide after the hearing of
his ears;
4But with righteousness shall he
judge the poor,

And decide with equity for the meek
of the land;
And he shall smite the land with the
rod of his mouth,
And with the breath of his lips shall
he slay the wicked.
5 And righteousness shall be the
girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his
reins.
6 And the wolf shall dwell with the
lamb,
And the leopard shall lie down with
the kid;
And the calf and the young lion and
the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.
7 And the cow and the bear feed;
Their young ones shall lie down
together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.
8 And the sucking child shall play on
the hole of the asp,
And the weaned child shall put his
hand on the basilisk's den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy
In all My holy mountain;
For the earth shall be full of the
knowledge of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

10 And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That the root of Jesse, that standeth
for an ensign of the peoples,
Unto him shall the nations seek;
And his resting-place shall be
glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That the Lord will set His hand
again the second time
To recover the remnant of His
people,
That shall remain from Assyria, and
from Egypt,
And from Pathros, and from Cush,
and from Elam,
And from Shinar, and from Hamath,
and from the islands of the sea.
12 And He will set up an ensign for
the nations,
And will assemble the dispersed of
Israel,
And gather together the scattered of
Judah
From the four corners of the earth.
13 The envy also of Ephraim shall
depart,
And they that harass Judah shall be
cut off;
Ephraim shall not envy Judah,
And Judah shall not vex Ephraim.
14 And they shall fly down upon the
shoulder of the Philistines on the
west;
Together shall they spoil the
children of the east;
They shall put forth their hand upon
Edom and Moab;
And the children of Ammon shall
obey them.
15 And the LORD will utterly destroy
the tongue of the Egyptian sea;

And with His scorching wind will
He shake His hand over the
River,
And will smite it into seven streams,
And cause men to march over dry-
shod.
16 And there shall be a highway for
the remnant of His people,
That shall remain from Assyria,
Like as there was for Israel
In the day that he came up out of the
land of Egypt.

12 And in that day thou shalt say:
'I will give thanks unto Thee,
O LORD;
For though Thou was angry with
me,
Thine anger is turned away, and
Thou comfortest me.
2 Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
For GOD the LORD is my strength and
song;
And He is become my salvation.'
3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw
water
Out of the wells of salvation.
4 And in that day shall ye say:
'Give thanks unto the LORD,
proclaim His name,
Declare His doings among the
peoples,
Make mention that His name is
exalted.
5 Sing unto the LORD; for He hath
done gloriously;
This is made known in all the earth.
6 Cry aloud and shout, thou
inhabitant of Zion,
For great is the Holy One of Israel
in the midst of thee.'

13 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Set ye up an ensign upon the high
mountain,
Lift up the voice unto them,
Wave the hand, that they may go
Into the gates of the nobles.
3 I have commanded My consecrated
ones,
Yea, I have called My mighty ones
for mine anger,
Even My proudly exulting ones.
4 Hark, a tumult in the mountains,
Like as of a great people!
Hark, the uproar of the kingdoms
Of the nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts mustereth
The host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country,
From the end of heaven,
Even the LORD, and the weapons of
His indignation,
To destroy the whole earth.
6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is
at hand;
As destruction from the Almighty
shall it come.
7 Therefore shall all hands be slack,
And every heart of man shall melt.
8 And they shall be affrighted;

Pangs and throes shall take hold of them;
They shall be in pain as a woman in travail;
They shall look aghast one at another;
Their faces shall be faces of flame.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh,
Cruel, and full of wrath and fierce anger;
To make the earth a desolation,
And to destroy the sinners thereof out of it,
10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof
Shall not give their light;
The sun shall be darkened in his going forth,
And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
11 And I will visit upon the world their evil,
And upon the wicked their iniquity;
And I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease,
And will lay low the haughtiness of the tyrants.
12 I will make man more rare than fine gold,
Even man than the pure gold of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble,
And the earth shall be shaken out of her place,
For the wrath of the LORD of hosts,
And for the day of His fierce anger.
14 And it shall come to pass, that as the chased gazelle,
And as sheep that no man gathereth,
They shall turn every man to his own people,
And shall flee every man to his own land.
15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through;
And every one that is caught shall fall by the sword.
16 Their babes also shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes;
Their houses shall be spoiled,
And their wives ravished.

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them,
Who shall not regard silver,
And as for gold, they shall not delight in it.
18 And their bows shall dash the young men in pieces;
And they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb;
Their eye shall not spare children.
19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms,
The beauty of the Chaldeans' pride,
Shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20 It shall never be inhabited,
Neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation;
Neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there;

Neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.
21 But wild-cats shall lie there;
And their houses shall be full of ferrets;
And ostriches shall dwell there,
And satyrs shall dance there.
22 And jackals shall howl in their castles,
And wild-dogs in the pleasant palaces;
And her time is near to come,
And her days shall not be prolonged.

14 For the LORD will have compassion on Jacob, and will
yet choose Israel, and set them in their
own land; and the stranger shall join
himself with them, and they shall
cleave to the house of Jacob.
2 And the
peoples shall take them, and bring
them to their place; and the house of
Israel shall possess them in the land of
the LORD for servants and for
handmaids; and they shall take them
captive, whose captives they were; and
they shall rule over their oppressors.
3 And it shall come to pass in the day
that the LORD shall give thee rest from
thy travail, and from thy trouble, and
from the hard service wherein thou
wast made to serve,
4 that thou shalt
take up this parable against the king of
Babylon, and say:

How hath the oppressor ceased!
The exactress of gold ceased!
5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked,
The sceptre of the rulers,
6 That smote the peoples in wrath
With an incessant stroke,
That ruled the nations in anger,
With a persecution that none restrained.
7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet;
They break forth into singing.
8 Yea, the cypresses rejoice at thee,
And the cedars of Lebanon:
'Since thou art laid down,
No feller is come up against us.'

9 The nether-world from beneath is moved for thee
To meet thee at thy coming;
The shades are stirred up for thee,
Even all the chief ones of the earth;
All the kings of the nations
Are raised up from their thrones.
10 All they do answer
And say unto thee:
'Art thou also become weak as we?
Art thou become like unto us?
11 Thy pomp is brought down to the nether-world,
And the noise of thy psalteries;
The maggot is spread under thee,
And the worms cover thee.'

12 How art thou fallen from heaven,
O day-star, son of the morning!
How art thou cut down to the ground,
That didst cast lots over the nations!
13 And thou saidst in thy heart:
'I will ascend into heaven,
Above the stars of God

Will I exalt my throne,
And I will sit upon the mount of meeting,
In the uttermost parts of the north;
14I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will be like the Most High.'
15Yet thou shalt be brought down to the nether-world,
To the uttermost parts of the pit.

16They that saw thee do narrowly look upon thee,
They gaze earnestly at thee:
'Is this the man that made the earth to tremble,
That did shake kingdoms;
17That made the world as a wilderness,
And destroyed the cities thereof;
That opened not the house of his prisoners?'
18All the kings of the nations,
All of them, sleep in glory,
Every one in his own house.
19But thou art cast forth away from thy grave
Like an abhorred offshoot,
In the raiment of the slain, that are thrust through with the sword,
That go down to the pavement of the pit,
As a carcass trodden under foot.
20Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial,
Bbecause thou hast destroyed thy land,
Thou hast slain thy people;
The seed of evil-doers shall not
Be named for ever.
21Prepare ye slaughter for his children
For the iniquity of their fathers;
That they rise not up, and possess the earth,
And fill the face of the world with cities.

22And I will rise up against them,
saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off
from Babylon name and remnant, and
offshoot and offspring, saith the Lord.
23I will also make it a possession for
the bittern, and pools of water; and I
will sweep it with the besom of
destruction, saith the Lord of hosts.

24The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying:
Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass;
And as I have purposed, so shall it stand,
25That I will break Asshur in My land,
And upon My mountains tread him under foot;
Then shall his yoke depart from off them,
And his burden depart from off their shoulder.
26This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth;
And this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.
27For the Lord of hosts hath purposed,
And who shall disannul it?
And His hand is stretched out,

And who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ahaz died
was this burden.

29 Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of thee,
Because the rod that smote thee is
broken:
For out of the serpent’s root shall
come forth a basilisk,
And his fruit shall be a flying
serpent.
30 And the first-born of the poor shall
feed,
And the needy shall lie down in
safety;
And I will kill thy root with famine,
And thy remnant shall be slain
31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city;
Melt away, O Philistia, all of thee;
For there cometh a smoke out of the
north,
And there is no straggler in his
ranks.
32 What then shall one answer the
messengers of the nation?
That the Lord hath founded Zion,
And in her shall the afflicted of His
people take refuge.

# 15

The burden of Moab.

For in the night that Ar of Moab is
laid waste,
He is brought to ruin;
For in the night that Kir of Moab is
laid waste,
He is brought to ruin.
2 He is gone up to Baith, and to
Dibon,
Tto the high places, to weep;
Upon Nebo, and upon Medeba,
Moab howleth;
On all their heads is baldness,
Every beard is shaven.
3 In their streets they gird themselves
with sackcloth;
On their housetops, and in their
broad places,
Every one howleth, weeping
profusely.
4 And Heshbon crieth out, and
Elealeh;
Their voice is heard even unto
Jahaz;
Therefore the armed men of Moab
cry aloud;
His soul is faint within him.
5 My heart crieth out for Moab;
Her fugitives reach unto Zoar,
A heifer of three years old;
For by the ascent of Luhith
With weeping they go up;
For in the way of Horonaim
They raise up a cry of destruction.
6 For the Waters of Nimrim shall be
desolate;
For the grass is withered away, the
herbage faileth,
There is no green thing.
7 Therefore the abundance they have
gotten,
And that which they have laid up,
Shall they carry away to the brook
of the willows.
8 For the cry is gone round about
The borders of Moab;

The howling thereof unto Eglaim,
And the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.
9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood;
For I will bring yet more upon Dimon,
A lion upon him that escapeth of Moab,
And upon the remnant of the land.

16 Send ye the lambs for the ruler of the land
From the crags that are toward the wilderness,
Unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.
2 For it shall be that, as wandering birds,
As a scattered nest,
So shall the daughters of Moab be
At the fords of Arnon.
3 'Give counsel, execute justice;
Make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday;
Hide the outcasts; betray not the fugitive.
4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee;
As for Moab, be thou a covert to him from the face of the spoiler.'
For the extortion is at an end, spoiling ceaseth,
They that trampled down are consumed out of the land;
5 And a throne is established through mercy,
And there sitteth thereon in truth, in the tent of David,
One that judgeth, and seeketh justice, and is ready in righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab;
He is very proud;
Even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his arrogancy,
His ill-founded boastings.
7 Therefore shall Moab wail for Moab,
Every one shall wail; for the sweet cakes of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn,
Sorely stricken.
8 For the fields of Heshbon languish,
And the vine of Sibmah,
Whose choice plants did overcome
The lords of nations;
They reached even unto Jazer,
They wandered into the wilderness;
Her branches were spread abroad,
They passed over the sea.
9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer
For the vine of Sibmah;
I will water thee with my tears,
O Heshbon, and Elealeh;
For upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest
The battle shout is fallen.
10 And gladness and joy are taken away
Out of the fruitful field;
And in the vineyards there shall be no singing,
Neither shall there be shouting;

No treader shall tread out wine in
the presses;
I have made the vintage shout to
cease.
11 Wherefore my heart moaneth like
a harp for Moab,
And mine inward parts for Kir-
heres.
12 And it shall come to pass, when it
is seen that Moab hath wearied himself
upon the high place, that he shall come
to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall
not prevail
13 This is the word that the Lord
spoke concerning Moab in time past.
14 But now the Lord hath spoken,
saying: 'Within three years, as the
years of a hireling, and the glory of
Moab shall wax contemptible for all
his great multitude; and the remnant
shall be very small and without
strength.'

# 17

The burden of Damascus.

Behold, Damascus is taken away
from being a city,
And it shall be a ruinous heap.
2 The cities of Aroer are forsaken;
They shall be for flocks,
Which shall lie down, and none
shall make them afraid.
3 The fortress also shall cease from
Ephraim,
And the kingdom from Damascus;
And the remnant of Aram shall be
as the glory of the children of
Israel,
Sith the Lord of hosts.

4 And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That the glory of Jacob shall be
made thin,
And the fatness of his flesh shall
wax lean.
5 And it shall be as when the
harvestman gathereth the standing
corn,
And reapeth the ears with his arm;
Yea, it shall be as when one
gleaneth ears
In the valley of Rephaim.
6 Yet there shall be left therein
gleanings,
As at the beating of an olive-tree,
Two or three berries
In the top of the uppermost bough,
Four or five in the branches of the
fruitful tree,
Saith the Lord, the God of Israel.

7 In that day shall a man regard his
Maker,
And his eyes shall look to the Holy
One of Israel.
8 And he shall not regard the altars,
The work of his hands,
Neither shall he look to that which
his fingers have made,
Either the Asherim, or the sun-
images.

9 In that day shall his strong cities be
as the forsaken places, which were
forsaken from before the children of
Israel, after the manner of woods and

lofty forests; and it shall be a desolation.

10 For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation,
And thou hast not been mindful of the Rock of thy stronghold;
Therefore thou didst plant plants of pleasantness,
And didst set it with slips of a stranger;
11 In the day of thy planting thou didst make it to grow,
And in the morning thou didst make thy seed to blossom—
A heap of boughs in the day of grief
And of desperate pain.

12 Ah, the uproar of many peoples,
That roar like the roaring of the seas;
And the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters!
13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters;
But He shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off,
And shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind,
And like the whirling dust before the storm.
14 At eventide behold terror;
And before the morning they are not.
This is the portion of them that spoil us,
And the lot of them that rob us.

18 Ah, land of the buzzing of wings,
Which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia;
2 That sendeth ambassadors by the sea,
Even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters!
Go, ye swift messengers,
To a nation tall and of glossy skin,
To a people terrible from their beginning onward;
A nation that is sturdy and treadeth down,
Whose land the rivers divide!
3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and ye dwellers on the earth,
When an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye;
And when the horn is blown, hear ye.

4 For thus hath the LORD said unto me:
I will hold Me still, and I will look on in My dwelling-place,
Like clear heat in sunshine,
Like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over,
And the bud becometh a ripening grape,
He will cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks,
And the shoots will He take away and lop off.
6 They shall be left together unto the ravenous birds of the mountains,
And to the beasts of the earth;

And the ravenous birds shall summer upon them,
And all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.
7 In that time shall a present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people tall and of glossy skin, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation that is sturdy and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.

# 19

The burden of Egypt.

Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud,
And cometh unto Egypt;
And the idols of Egypt shall be moved at His presence,
And the heart of Egypt shall melt within it.
2And I will spur Egypt against Egypt;
And they shall fight every one against his brother,
And everyone against his neighbour;
City against city, and kingdom against kingdom.
3And the spirit of Egypt shall be made empty within it;
And I will make void the counsel thereof;
And they shall seek unto the idols, and to the whisperers,
And to the ghosts, and to the familiar spirits.
4And I will give over the Egyptians
Iinto the hand of a cruel lord;
And a fierce king shall rule over them,
Saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

5And the waters shall fail from the sea,
And the river shall be drained dry,
6And the rivers shall become foul;
The streams of Egypt shall be minished and dried up;
The reeds and flags shall wither.
7The mosses by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile,
And all that is sown by the Nile,
Shall become dry, be driven away, and be no more.
8The fishers also shall lament,
And all they that cast angle into the Nile shall mourn,
And they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.
9Moreover they that work in combed flax,
And they that weave cotton, shall be ashamed.
10And her foundations shall be crushed,
All they that make dams shall be grieved in soul.

11The princes of Zoan are utter fools;
The wisest counsellors of Pharaoh are a senseless counsel;
How can ye say unto Pharaoh: ‘I am the son of the wise,
The son of ancient kings’?

12Where are they, then, thy wise men?
And let them tell thee now;
And let them know what the LORD of hosts
Hath purposed concerning Egypt.
13The princes of Zoan are become fools,
The princes of Noph are deceived;
They have caused Egypt to go astray,
That are the corner-stone of her tribes.
14The LORD hath mingled within her
A spirit of dizziness;
And they have caused Egypt to stagger in every work thereof,
As a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.
15Neither shall there be for Egypt any work,
Which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do.

16In that day shall Egypt be like unto
women; and it shall tremble and fear
because of the shaking of the hand of
the LORD of hosts, which He shaketh
over it. 17And the land of Judah shall
become a terror unto Egypt,
whensoever one maketh mention
thereof to it; it shall be afraid, because
of the purpose of the LORD of hosts,
which He purposeth against it.

18In that day there shall be five cities
in the land of Egypt that speak the
language of Canaan, and swear to the
LORD of hosts; one shall be called The
city of destruction. 19In that day shall
there be an altar to the LORD in the
midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar
at the border thereof to the LORD.
20And it shall be for a sign and for a
witness unto the LORD of hosts in the
land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto
the LORD because of the oppressors,
and He will send them a saviour, and a
defender, who will deliver them. 21And
the LORD shall make Himself known to
Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know
the LORD in that day; yea, they shall
worship with sacrifice and offering,
and shall vow a vow unto the LORD,
and shall perform it.

22And the LORD will smite Egypt,
smiting and healing; and they shall
return unto the LORD, and He will be
entreated of them, and will heal them.
23In that day shall there be a highway
out of Egypt to Assyria, and the
Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and
the Egyptian into Assyria; and the
Egyptians shall worship with the
Assyrians.

24In that day shall Israel be the third
with Egypt and with Assyria, a
blessing in the midst of the earth; 25for
that the LORD of hosts hath blessed
him, saying: 'Blessed be Egypt My
people and Assyria the work of My
hands, and Israel Mine inheritance.'

# 20

In the year that Tartan came
into Ashdod, when Sargon the
king of Assyria sent him, and he
fought against Ashdod and took it; 2at
that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the
son of Amoz, saying: 'Go, and loose

the sackcloth from off thy loins, and
put thy shoe from off thy foot.’ And he
did so, walking naked and barefoot.
3 And the Lord said: ‘Like as My
servant Isaiah hath walked naked and
barefoot to be for three years a sign
and a wonder upon Egypt and upon
Ethiopia, 4 so shall the king of Assyria
lead away the captives of Egypt, and
the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old,
naked and barefoot, and with buttocks
uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.
5 And they shall be dismayed and
ashamed, because of Ethiopia their
expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
6 And the inhabitant of this coast-land
shall say in that day: Behold, such is
our expectation, whither we fled for
help to be delivered from the king of
Assyria; and how shall we escape?’

## 21

The burden of the wilderness of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the South sweeping on,
It cometh from the wilderness, from a dreadful land.
2 A grievous vision is declared unto me:
‘The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth.
Go up, O Elam! besiege, O Media!
All the sighing thereof have I made to cease.’
3 Therefore are my loins filled with convulsion;
Pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in travail;
I am bent so that I cannot hear;
I am affrighted so that I cannot see.
4 My heart is bewildered, terror hath overwhelmed me;
The twilight that I longed for hath been turned for me into trembling.
5 They prepare the table, they light the lamps, they eat, they drink—
’Rise up, ye princes, anoint the shield.’

6 For thus hath the Lord said unto me:
Go, set a watchman; let him declare what he seeth!
7 And when he seeth a troop, horsemen by pairs,
A troop of asses, a troop of camels,
He shall hearken diligently with much heed.
8 And he cried as a lion: ‘Upon the watch-tower, O Lord,
I stand continually in the daytime,
And I am set in my ward all the nights.’
9 And, behold, there came a troop of men, horsemen by pairs.
And he spoke and said:
‘Fallen, fallen is Babylon;
And all the graven images of her gods are broken unto the ground.’
10 O thou my threshing, and the winnowing of my floor,
That which I have heard from the Lord of hosts,

The God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 The burden of Dumah.

One calleth unto me out of Seir:
'Watchman, what of the night?
Watchman, what of the night?'
12 The watchman said:
'The morning cometh, and also the night—
If ye will inquire, inquire ye; return, come.'

13 The burden upon Arabia.

In the thickets in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye caravans of Dedanites.
14 Unto him that is thirsty bring ye water!
The inhabitants of the land of Tema did meet the fugitive with his bread.
15 For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword,
And from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.
16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me:
'Within a year, according to the years
of a hireling, and all the glory of Kedar
shall fail; 17 and the residue of the
number of the archers, the mighty men
of the children of Kedar, shall be
diminished; for the LORD, the God of
Israel, hath spoken it.'

22 The burden concerning the Valley of Vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops,
2 Thou that art full of uproar, a tumultuous city, a joyous town?
Thy slain are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.
3 All thy rulers are fled together,
Without the bow they are bound;
All that are found of thee are bound together, they are fled afar off.
4 Therefore said I: 'Look away from me, I will weep bitterly;
Strain not to comfort me, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.'
5 For it is a day of trouble, and of trampling, and of perplexity,
From the Lord, the GOD of hosts, in the Valley of Vision;
Kir shouting, and Shoa at the mount.
6 And Elam bore the quiver, with troops of men, even horsemen;
And Kir uncovered the shield.
7 And it came to pass, when thy choicest valleys were full of chariots,
And the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate,
8 And the covering of Judah was laid bare,
that thou didst look in that day to the
armour in the house of the forest. 9 And
ye saw the breaches of the city of
David, that they were many; and ye
gathered together the waters of the
lower pool. 10 And ye numbered the
houses of Jerusalem, and ye broke
down the houses to fortify the wall;

11ye made also a basin between the two walls for the water of the old pool—
But ye looked not unto Him that had done this,
Neither had ye respect unto Him that fashioned it long ago.
12And in that day did the Lord, the GOD of hosts, call
To weeping, and to lamentation, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth;
13And behold joy and gladness,
Slaying oxen and killing sheep,
Eating flesh and drinking wine—
'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die! '
14And the LORD of hosts revealed Himself in mine ears:
Surely this iniquity shall not be expiated by you till ye die,
Saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts.

15Thus saith the Lord, the GOD of hosts:
Go, get thee unto this steward,
Even unto Shebna, who is over the house:
16What hast thou here, and whom hast thou here,
That thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre,
Thou that hewest thee out a sepulchre on high,
And gravest a habitation for thyself in the rock?
17Behold, the LORD will hurl thee up and down with a man's throw;
Yea, He will wind thee round and round;
18He will violently roll and toss thee like a ball into a large country;
There shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory,
Thou shame of the lord's house.
19And I will thrust thee from thy post,
And from thy station shalt thou be pulled down.
20And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah;
21And I will clothe him with thy robe,
And bind him with thy girdle,
And I will commit thy government into his hand;
And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
22And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder;
And he shall open, and none shall shut;
And he shall shut, and none shall open.
23And I will fasten him as a peg in a sure place;
And he shall be for a throne of honour to his father's house.
24And they shall hang upon him all the
glory of his father's house, the
offspring and the issue, all vessels of
small quantity, from the vessels of

cups even to all the vessels of flagons.
25In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall the peg that was fastened in a sure place give way; and it shall be hewn down, and fall, and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the LORD hath spoken it.

# 23

The burden of Tyre.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish,
For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in;
From the land of Kittim it is revealed to them.
2Be still, ye inhabitants of the coast-land;
Thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.
3And on great waters the seed of Shihor,
The harvest of the Nile, was her revenue;
And she was the mart of nations.
4Be thou ashamed, O Zidon; for the sea hath spoken,
The stronghold of the sea, saying:
'I have not travailed, nor brought forth,
Neither have I reared young men, nor brought up virgins.'
5When the report cometh to Egypt,
They shall be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

6Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the coast-land.
7Is this your joyous city,
Whose feet in antiquity,
In ancient days,
Carried her afar off to sojourn?
8Who hath devised this against Tyre, the crowning city,
Whose merchants are princes,
Whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?
9The LORD of hosts hath devised it,
To pollute the pride of all glory,
To bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.
10Overflow thy land as the Nile,
O daughter of Tarshish! there is no girdle any more.
11He hath stretched out His hand over the sea,
He hath shaken the kingdoms;
The LORD hath given commandment concerning Canaan,
To destroy the strongholds thereof;
12And He said: 'Thou shalt no more rejoice.'
O thou oppressed virgin daughter of Zidon,
Arise, pass over to Kittim;
Even there shalt thou have no rest.
13Behold, the land of the Chaldeans—this is the people that was not, when Asshur founded it for shipmen—they set up their towers, they overthrew the palaces thereof; it is made a ruin.
14Howl, ye ships of Tarshish,
For your stronghold is laid waste.

15And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of

one king; after the end of seventy years it shall fare with Tyre as in the song of the harlot:

[16]Take a harp,
Go about the city,
Thou harlot long forgotten;
Make sweet melody,
Sing many songs,
That thou mayest be remembered.

[17]And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the LORD will remember Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall have commerce with all the kingdoms of the
world upon the face of the earth. [18]And
her gain and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD; it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her gain shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat their fill, and for stately clothing.

# 24

Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty and maketh it waste,
And turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
[2]And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the creditor, so with the debtor.
[3]The earth shall be utterly emptied, and clean despoiled;
For the LORD hath spoken this word.
[4]The earth fainteth and fadeth away,
The world faileth and fadeth away,
The lofty people of the earth do fail.
[5]The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof;
Because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statute,
Broken the everlasting covenant.
[6]Therefore hath a curse devoured the earth,
And they that dwell therein are found guilty;
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth waste away,
And men are left few.
[7]The new wine faileth, the vine fadeth;
All the merry-hearted do sigh.
[8]The mirth of tabrets ceaseth,
The noise of them that rejoice endeth,
The joy of the harp ceaseth.
[9]They drink not wine with a song;
Strong drink is bitter to them that drink it.
[10]Broken down is the city of wasteness;
Every house is shut up, that none may come in.
[11]There is a crying in the streets amidst the wine;
All joy is darkened,
The mirth of the land is gone.
[12]In the city is left desolation,
And the gate is smitten unto ruin.

13 For thus shall it be in the midst of the earth, among the peoples,
As at the beating of an olive-tree,
As at the gleanings when the vintage is done.
14 Those yonder lift up their voice, they sing for joy;
For the majesty of the LORD they shout from the sea:
15 'Therefore glorify ye the LORD in the regions of light,
Even the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the isles of the sea.'

16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs: 'Glory to the righteous.'
But I say: I waste away, I waste away, woe is me!
The treacherous deal treacherously;
Yea, the treacherous deal very treacherously.
17 Terror, and the pit, and the trap, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.
18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the terror shall fall into the pit;
And he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the trap;
For the windows on high are opened,
And the foundations of the earth do shake;
19 The earth is broken, broken down,
The earth is crumbled in pieces,
The earth trembleth and tottereth;
20 The earth reeleth to and fro like a drunken man,
And swayeth to and fro as a lodge;
And the transgression thereof is heavy upon it,
And it shall fall, and not rise again.
21 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the LORD will punish the host of the high heaven on high,
And the kings of the earth upon the earth.
22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the dungeon,
And shall be shut up in the prison,
And after many days shall they be punished.
23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed;
For the LORD of hosts will reign in mount Zion,
And in Jerusalem, and before His elders shall be Glory.

25 O LORD, Thou art my God,
I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name,
For Thou hast done wonderful things;
Even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth.
2 For Thou hast made of a city a heap,
Of a fortified city a ruin;
A castle of strangers to be no city,
It shall never be built.

3Therefore shall the strong people glorify Thee,
The city of the terrible nations shall fear Thee.
4For Thou hast been a stronghold to the poor,
A stronghold to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat;
For the blast of the terrible ones was as a storm against the wall.
5As the heat in a dry place, Thou didst subdue the noise of strangers;
As the heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones was brought low.

6And in this mountain will the LORD of hosts make unto all peoples
A feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.
7And He will destroy in this mountain
The face of the covering that is cast over all peoples,
And the veil that is spread over all nations.
8He will swallow up death for ever;
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces;
And the reproach of His people will He take away from off all the earth;
For the LORD hath spoken it.
9And it shall be said in that day:
'Lo, this is our God,
For whom we waited, that He might save us;
This is the LORD, for whom we waited,
We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.'
10For in this mountain will the hand of the LORD rest,
And Moab shall be trodden down in his place,
Even as straw is trodden down in the dunghill.
11And when he shall spread forth his hands in the midst thereof,
As he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim,
His pride shall be brought down together with the cunning of his hands.
12And the high fortress of thy walls will He bring down, lay low,
And bring to the ground, even to the dust.

26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah:
We have a strong city;
Walls and bulwarks doth He appoint for salvation.
2Open ye the gates,
That the righteous nation that keepeth faithfulness may enter in.
3The mind stayed on Thee Thou keepest in perfect peace;
Because it trusteth in Thee.
4Trust ye in the LORD for ever,

For the LORD is GOD, an everlasting
Rock.
5For He hath brought down them
that dwell on high,
The lofty city, laying it low, laying
it low even to the ground,
Bringing it even to the dust.
6The foot shall tread it down,
Even the feet of the poor, and the
steps of the needy.

7The way of the just is straight;
Thou, Most Upright, makest plain
the path of the just.
8Yea, in the way of Thy judgments,
O LORD, have we waited for Thee;
To Thy name and to Thy memorial
is the desire of our soul.
9With my soul have I desired Thee
in the night;
Yea, with my spirit within me have I
sought Thee earnestly;
For when Thy judgments are in the
earth,
The inhabitants of the world learn
righteousness.
10Let favour be shown to the
wicked, yet will he not learn
righteousness;
In the land of uprightness will he
deal wrongfully,
And will not behold the majesty of
the LORD.

11LORD, Thy hand was lifted up, yet
they see not;
They shall see with shame Thy zeal
for the people;
Yea, fire shall devour Thine
adversaries.
12LORD, Thou wilt establish peace
for us;
For Thou hast indeed wrought all
our works for us.
13O LORD our God, other lords
beside Thee have had dominion
over us;
But by Thee only do we make
mention of Thy name.
14The dead live not, the shades rise
not;
To that end hast Thou punished and
destroyed them,
And made all their memory to
perish.
15Thou hast gotten Thee honour with
the nations, O LORD,
Yea, exceeding great honour with
the nations;
Thou art honoured unto the farthest
ends of the earth.

16LORD, in trouble have they sought
Thee,
Silently they poured out a prayer
when Thy chastening was upon
them.
17Like as a woman with child, that
draweth near the time of her
delivery,
Is in pain and crieth out in her
pangs;
So have we been at Thy presence, O
LORD.
18We have been with child, we have
been in pain,

We have as it were brought forth
wind;
We have not wrought any
deliverance in the land;
Neither are the inhabitants of the
world come to life.
19Thy dead shall live, my dead
bodies shall arise—
Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the
dust—
For Thy dew is as the dew of light,
And the earth shall bring to life the
shades.

20Come, my people, enter thou into
thy chambers,
And shut thy doors about thee;
Hide thyself for a little moment,
Until the indignation be overpast.
21For, behold, the LORD cometh forth
out of His place
To visit upon the inhabitants of the
earth their iniquity;
The earth also shall disclose her
blood,
And shall no more cover her slain.

27 In that day the LORD with His sore and great and strong sword will punish leviathan the slant serpent, and leviathan the tortuous serpent; and He will slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2In that day sing ye of her:
'A vineyard of foaming wine! '
3I the LORD do guard it,
I water it every moment;
Lest Mine anger visit it,
I guard it night and day.
4Fury is not in Me;
Would that I were as the briers and
thorns in flame!
I would with one step burn it
altogether.
5Or else let him take hold of My
strength,
That he may make peace with Me;
yea, let him make peace with Me.
6In days to come shall Jacob take
root,
Israel shall blossom and bud;
And the face of the world shall be
filled with fruitage.

7Hath He smitten him as He smote
those that smote him?
Or is he slain according to the
slaughter of them that were slain
by Him?
8In full measure, when Thou sendest
her away, Thou dost contend with
her;
He hath removed her with His rough
blast in the day of the east wind.
9Therefore by this shall the iniquity
of Jacob be expiated,
And this is all the fruit of taking
away his sin:
When he maketh all the stones of
the altar as chalkstones that are
beaten in pieces,
So that the Asherim and the sun-
images shall rise no more.
10For the fortified city is solitary,
A habitation abandoned and
forsaken, like the wilderness;
There shall the calf feed, and there
shall he lie down,
And consume the branches thereof

[11]When the boughs thereof are withered,
They shall be broken off;
The women shall come, and set them on fire;
For it is a people of no understanding;
Therefore He that made them will not have compassion upon them,
And He that formed them will not be gracious unto them.

[12]And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the LORD will beat off [His fruit]
From the flood of the River unto the Brook of Egypt,
And ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

[13]And it shall come to pass in that day,
That a great horn shall be blown;
And they shall come that were lost in the land of Assyria,
And they that were dispersed in the land of Egypt;
And they shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim,
And to the fading flower of his glorious beauty,
Which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are smitten down with wine!
[2]Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one,
As a storm of hail, a tempest of destruction,
As a storm of mighty waters overflowing,
That casteth down to the earth with violence.
[3]The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim
Shall be trodden under foot;
[4]And the fading flower of his glorious beauty,
Which is on the head of the fat valley,
Shall be as the first-ripe fig before the summer,
Which when one looketh upon it,
While it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

[5]In that day shall the LORD of hosts be
For a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty,
Unto the residue of His people;
[6]And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment,
And for strength to them that turn back the battle at the gate.

[7]But these also reel through wine,
And stagger through strong drink;
The priest and the prophet reel through strong drink,
They are confused because of wine,
They stagger because of strong drink;

They reel in vision, they totter in judgment.
8For all tables are full of filthy vomit, and no place is clean.

9Whom shall one teach knowledge?
And whom shall one make to understand the message?
Them that are weaned from the milk,
Them that are drawn from the breasts?
10For it is precept by precept, precept by precept,
Line by line, line by line;
Here a little, there a little.
11For with stammering lips and with a strange tongue
Shall it be spoken to this people;
12To whom it was said: ‘This is the rest,
Give ye rest to the weary;
And this is the refreshing’;
Yet they would not hear.
13And so the word of the Lord is unto them
Precept by precept, precept by precept,
Line by line, line by line;
Here a little, there a little;
That they may go, and fall backward, and be broken,
And snared, and taken.

14Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scoffers,
The ballad-mongers of this people which is in Jerusalem:
15Because ye have said: ‘We have made a covenant with death,
And with the nether-world are we at agreement;
When the scouring scourge shall pass through,
It shall not come unto us;
For we have made lies our refuge,
And in falsehood have we hid ourselves’;
16Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
A tried stone, a costly corner-stone of sure foundation;
He that believeth shall not make haste.
17And I will make justice the line,
And righteousness the plummet;
And the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
And the waters shall overflow the hiding-place.
18And your covenant with death shall be disannulled
And your agreement with the nether-world shall not stand;
When the scouring scourge shall pass through,
Then ye shall be trodden down by it,
19As often as it passeth through, it shall take you;
For morning by morning shall it pass through,
By day and by night;
And it shall be sheer terror to understand the message.
20For the bed is too short for a man to stretch himself;

And the covering too narrow when
he gathereth himself up.
21For the LORD will rise up as in
mount Perazim,
He will be wroth as in the valley of
Gibeon;
That He may do His work, strange is
His work,
And bring to pass His act, strange is
His act.
22Now therefore be ye not scoffers,
Lest your bands be made strong;
For an extermination wholly
determined have I heard from the
Lord, the GOD of hosts,
Upon the whole land.

23Give ye ear, and hear my voice;
attend, and hear my speech.
24Is the plowman never done with
plowing to sow,
With the opening and harrowing of
his ground?
25When he hath made plain the face
thereof,
Doth he not cast abroad the black
cummin, and scatter the cummin,
And put in the wheat in rows and
the barley in the appointed place
And the spelt in the border thereof?
26For He doth instruct him aright;
His God doth teach him.
27For the black cummin is not
threshed with a threshing-sledge,
Neither is a cart-wheel turned about
upon the cummin;
But the black cummin is beaten out
with a staff,
And the cummin with a rod.
28Is bread corn crushed?
Nay, he will not ever be threshing it;
And though the roller of his wagon
and its sharp edges move noisily,
He doth not crush it.
29This also cometh forth from the
LORD of hosts:
Wonderful is His counsel, and great
His wisdom.

29 Ah, [a]Ariel, Ariel, the city
where David encamped!
Add ye year to year,
Let the feasts come round!
2Then will I distress Ariel,
And there shall be mourning and
moaning; and she shall be unto
Me as a hearth of God.
3And I will encamp against thee
round about,
And will lay siege against thee with
a mound,
And I will raise siege works against
thee.
4And brought down thou shalt
speak out of the ground,
And thy speech shall be low out of
the dust;
And thy voice shall be as of a ghost
out of the ground,
And thy speech shall chirp out of
the dust.
5But the multitude of thy foes shall
be like small dust,
And the multitude of the terrible
ones as chaff that passeth away;

[a] That is, *The hearth of God*.

Yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly—
[6]There shall be a visitation from the LORD of hosts
With thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise,
With whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire.
[7]And the multitude of all the nations that war against Ariel,
Even all that war against her, and the bulwarks about her, and they that distress her,
Shall be as a dream, a vision of the night.
[8]And it shall be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth,
But he awaketh, and his soul is empty;
Or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh,
But he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite—
So shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

[9]Stupefy yourselves, and be stupid!
Blind yourselves, and be blind!
Ye that are drunken, but not with wine,
That stagger, but not with strong drink.
[10]For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep,
And hath closed your eyes;
The prophets, and your heads, the seers, hath He covered.

[11]And the vision of all this is become unto you as the words of a writing that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying: 'Read this, I pray thee'; and he saith: 'I cannot, for it is sealed'; [12]and the writing is delivered to him that is not learned, saying: 'Read this, I pray thee'; and he saith: 'I am not learned.'

[13]And the Lord said: Forasmuch as this people draw near,
And with their mouth and with their lips do honour Me,
But have removed their heart far from Me,
And their fear of Me is a command-ment of men learned by rote;
[14]Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvellous work among this people,
Even a marvellous work and a wonder;
And the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
And the prudence of their prudent men shall be hid.

[15]Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD,
And their works are in the dark,
And they say: 'Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?'
[16]O your perversity!

Shall the potter be esteemed as clay;
That the thing made should say of him that made it: ‘He made me not’;
Or the thing framed say of him that framed it: ‘He hath no understanding?’
17 Is it not yet a very little while,
And Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?
18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of a book,
And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.
19 The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord,
And the neediest among men shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.
20 For the terrible one is brought to nought,
And the scorner ceaseth,
And all they that watch for iniquity are cut off;
21 That make a man an offender by words,
And lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate,
And turn aside the just with a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob:

Jacob shall not now be ashamed,
Neither shall his face now wax pale;
23 When he seeth his children, the work of My hands, in the midst of him,
That they sanctify My name;
Yea, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob,
And shall stand in awe of the God of Israel.
24 They also that err in spirit shall come to understanding,
And they that murmur shall learn instruction.

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord,
That take counsel, but not of Me;
And that form projects, but not of My spirit,
That they may add sin to sin;
2 That walk to go down into Egypt,
And have not asked at My mouth;
To take refuge in the stronghold of Pharaoh,
And to take shelter in the shadow of Egypt!
3 Therefore shall the stronghold of Pharaoh turn to your shame,
And the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your confusion.
4 For his princes are at Zoan,
And his ambassadors are come to Hanes.
5 They shall all be ashamed of a people that cannot profit them,
That are not a help nor profit,
But a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The burden of the beasts of the South.

Through the land of trouble and anguish,
From whence come the lioness and the lion,
The viper and flying serpent,
They carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses,
And their treasures upon the humps of camels,
To a people that shall not profit them.
7For Egypt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose;
Therefore have I called her arrogancy that sitteth still.
8Now go, write it before them on a tablet,
And inscribe it in a book,
That it may be for the time to come
For ever and ever.
9For it is a rebellious people,
Lying children,
Children that refuse to hear the teaching of the LORD;
10That say to the seers: 'See not',
And to the prophets: 'Prophesy not unto us right things,
Speak unto us smooth things, prophesy delusions;
11Get you out of the way,
Turn aside out of the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel
To cease from before us.'
12Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel:
Because ye despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perverseness,
And stay thereon;
13Therefore this iniquity shall be to you
As a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall,
Whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.
14And He shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken,
Breaking it in pieces without sparing;
So that there shall not be found among the pieces thereof a sherd
To take fire from the hearth,
Or to take water out of the cistern.

15For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
In sitting still and rest shall ye be saved,
In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength;
And ye would not.
16But ye said: 'No, for we will flee upon horses';
Therefore shall ye flee;
And: 'We will ride upon the swift';
Therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.
17One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one,
At the rebuke of five shall ye flee;
Till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain,
And as an ensign on a hill.
18And therefore will the LORD wait, that He may be gracious unto you,

And therefore will He be exalted, that He may have compassion upon you;
For the Lord is a God of justice,
Happy are all they that wait for Him.

19For, O people that dwellest in Zion at Jerusalem,
Thou shalt weep no more;
He will surely be gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry,
When He shall hear, He will answer thee.
20And though the Lord give you sparing bread and scant water,
Yet shall not thy Teacher hide Himself any more,
But thine eyes shall see thy Teacher;
21And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying:
'This is the way, walk ye in it,
When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.'
22And ye shall defile thy graven images overlaid with silver,
And thy molten images covered with gold;
Thou shalt put them far away as one unclean;
Thou shalt say unto it: 'Get thee hence.'
23And He will give the rain for thy seed, wherewith thou sowest the ground,
And bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plenteous;
In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.
24The oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground
Shall eat savoury provender,
Wwhich hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.
25And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill
Streams and watercourses,
In the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
26Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun,
And the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of the seven days,
In the day that the Lord bindeth up the bruise of His people,
And healeth the stroke of their wound.

27Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from far,
With His anger burning, and in thick uplifting of smoke;
His lips are full of indignation,
And His tongue is as a devouring fire;
28And His breath is as an overflowing stream,
That divideth even unto the neck,
To sift the nations with the sieve of destruction;
And a bridle that causeth to err shall be in the jaws of the peoples.
29Ye shall have a song

As in the night when a feast is hallowed;
And gladness of heart, as when one goeth with the pipe
To come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Rock of Israel.
30 And the LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard,
And will show the lighting down of His arm,
With furious anger, and the flame of a devouring fire,
With a bursting of clouds, and a storm of rain, and hailstones.
31 For through the voice of the LORD shall Asshur be dismayed,
The rod with which He smote.
32 And in every place where the appointed staff shall pass,
Which the LORD shall lay upon him,
It shall be with tabrets and harps;
And in battles of wielding will He fight with them.
33 For a hearth is ordered of old;
Yea, for the king it is prepared,
Deep and large;
The pile thereof is fire and much wood;
The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help,
And rely on horses,
And trust in chariots, because they are many,
And in horsemen, because they are exceeding mighty;
But they look not unto the Holy One of Israel,
Neither seek the LORD!
2 Yet He also is wise,
And bringeth evil,
And doth not call back His words;
But will arise against the house of the evil-doers,
And against the help of them that work iniquity.
3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God,
And their horses flesh, and not spirit;
So when the LORD shall stretch out His hand,
Both he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is helped shall fall,
And they all shall perish together.

4 For thus saith the LORD unto me:
Like as the lion, or the young lion, growling over his prey,
Though a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him,
Will not be dismayed at their voice,
Nor abase himself for the noise of them;
So will the LORD of hosts come down
To fight upon mount Zion, and upon the hill thereof.
5 As birds hovering,
So will the LORD of hosts protect Jerusalem;
He will deliver it as He protecteth it,
He will rescue it as He passeth over.
6 Turn ye unto Him

Against whom ye have deeply rebelled, O children of Israel.
7 For in that day they shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold,
Which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.
8 Then shall Asshur fall with the sword, not of man,
And the sword, not of men, shall devour him;
And he shall flee from the sword,
And his young men shall become tributary.
9 And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror,
And his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign,
Saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion,
And His furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness,
And as for princes, they shall rule in justice.
2 And a man shall be as in a hiding-place from the wind,
And a covert from the tempest;
As by the watercourses in a dry place,
As in the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be closed,
And the ears of them that hear shall attend.
4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge,
And the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal,
Nor the churl said to be noble.
6 For the vile person will speak villainy,
And his heart will work iniquity,
To practise ungodliness, and to utter wickedness against the LORD,
To make empty the soul of the hungry,
And to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
7 The instruments also of the churl are evil;
He deviseth wicked devices
To destroy the poor with lying words,
And the needy when he speaketh right.
8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things;
And by liberal things shall he stand.

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease, and hear my voice;
Ye confident daughters, give ear unto my speech.
10 After a year and days shall ye be troubled, ye confident women;
For the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come.
11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease;
Be troubled, ye confident ones;
Strip you, and make you bare,
And gird sackcloth upon your loins,
12 Smiting upon the breasts

For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine;
13 For the land of my people
Whereon thorns and briers come up;
Yea, for all the houses of joy
And the joyous city.
14 For the palace shall be forsaken;
The city with its stir shall be deserted;
The mound and the tower shall be for dens for ever,
A joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;
15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high,
And the wilderness become a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field be counted for a forest.
16 Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field.
17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace;
And the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever.
18 And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation,
And in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.
19 And it shall hail, in the downfall of the forest;
But the city shall descend into the valley.
20 Happy are ye that sow beside all waters,
That send forth freely the feet of the ox and the ass.

33 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled;
And dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee!
When thou hast ceased to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled;
And when thou art weary with dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

2 O Lord, be gracious unto us;
We have waited for Thee;
Be Thou their arm every morning,
Our salvation also in the time of trouble.
3 At the noise of the tumult the peoples are fled;
At the lifting up of Thyself the nations are scattered.
4 And your spoil is gathered as the caterpillar gathereth;
As locusts leap do they leap upon it.
5 The Lord is exalted, for He dwelleth on high;
He hath filled Zion with justice and righteousness.
6 And the stability of thy times shall be
A hoard of salvation—wisdom and knowledge,
And the fear of the Lord which is His treasure.

7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without;
The ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.
8 The highways lie waste,

The wayfaring man ceaseth;
He hath broken the covenant,
He hath despised the cities,
He regardeth not man.
9 The land mourneth and languisheth;
Lebanon is ashamed, it withereth;
Sharon is like a wilderness;
And Bashan and Carmel are clean bare.

10 Now will I arise, saith the LORD;
Now will I be exalted;
Now will I lift Myself up.
11 Ye conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble;
Your breath is a fire that shall devour you.
12 And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime;
As thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.

13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done;
And, ye that are near, acknowledge My might.
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Trembling hath seized the ungodly:
'Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?
Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?'
15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;
He that despiseth the gain of oppressions,
That shaketh his hands from holding of bribes,
That stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood,
And shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil;
16 He shall dwell on high;
His place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks;
His bread shall be given, his waters shall be sure.

17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty;
They shall behold a land stretching afar.
18 Thy heart shall muse on the terror:
'Where is he that counted, where is he that weighed?
Where is he that counted the towers?'
19 Thou shalt not see the fierce people;
A people of a deep speech that thou canst not perceive,
Of a stammering tongue that thou canst not understand.
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemn gatherings;
Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a peaceful habitation,
A tent that shall not be removed,
The stakes whereof shall never be plucked up,
Neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
21 But there the LORD will be with us in majesty,
In a place of broad rivers and streams;

Wherein shall go no galley with oars,
Neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
22 For the LORD is our Judge,
The LORD is our Lawgiver,
The LORD is our King;
He will save us.
23 Thy tacklings are loosed;
They do not hold the stand of their mast,
They do not spread the sail;
Then is the prey of a great spoil divided;
The lame take the prey.
24 And the inhabitant shall not say: ‘I am sick’;
The people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear,
And attend, ye peoples;
Let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof,
The world, and all things that come forth of it.
2 For the LORD hath indignation against all the nations,
And fury against all their host;
He hath utterly destroyed them,
He hath delivered them to the slaughter.
3 Their slain also shall be cast out,
And the stench of their carcasses shall come up,
And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.
4 And all the host of heaven shall moulder away,
And the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll;
And all their host shall fall down,
As the leaf falleth off from the vine,
And as a falling fig from the fig-tree.
5 For My sword hath drunk its fill in heaven;
Behold, it shall come down upon Edom,
And upon the people of My ban, to judgment.
6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,
It is made fat with fatness,
With the blood of lambs and goats,
With the fat of the kidneys of rams;
For the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah,
And a great slaughter in the land of Edom.
7 And the wild-oxen shall come down with them,
And the bullocks with the bulls;
And their land shall be drunken with blood,
And their dust made fat with fatness.
8 For the LORD hath a day of vengeance,
A year of recompense for the controversy of Zion.
9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch,
And the dust thereof into brimstone,
And the land thereof shall become burning pitch.
10 It shall not be quenched night nor day,

The smoke thereof shall go up for
ever;
From generation to generation it
shall lie waste:
None shall pass through it for ever
and ever.
11 But the pelican and the bittern
shall possess it,
And the owl and the raven shall
dwell therein;
And He shall stretch over it
The line of confusion, and the
plummet of emptiness.
12 As for her nobles, none shall be
there to be called to the kingdom;
And all her princes shall be nothing.
13 And thorns shall come up in her
palaces,
Nettles and thistles in the fortresses
thereof;
And it shall be a habitation of wild-
dogs,
An enclosure for ostriches.
14 And the wild-cats shall meet with
the jackals,
And the satyr shall cry to his fellow;
Yea, the night-monster shall repose
there,
And shall find her a place of rest.
15 There shall the arrowsnake make
her nest, and lay,
And hatch, and brood under her
shadow;
Yea, there shall the kites be
gathered,
Every one with her mate.
16 Seek ye out of the book of the
LORD, and read;
No one of these shall be missing,
None shall want her mate;
For My mouth it hath commanded,
And the breath thereof it hath
gathered them.
17 And He hath cast the lot for them,
And His hand hath divided it unto
them by line;
They shall possess it for ever,
From generation to generation shall
they dwell therein.

35 The wilderness and the
parched land shall be glad;
And the desert shall rejoice, and
blossom as the rose.
2 It shall blossom abundantly, and
rejoice,
Even with joy and singing;
The glory of Lebanon shall be given
unto it,
The excellency of Carmel and
Sharon;
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
The excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen ye the weak hands,
And make firm the tottering knees.
4 Say to them that are of a fearful
heart: 'Be strong, fear not';
Behold, your God will come with
vengeance,
With the recompense of God He
will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be
unstopped.
6 Then shall the lame man leap as a
hart,

And the tongue of the dumb shall
sing;
For in the wilderness shall waters
break out,
And streams in the desert.
[7]And the parched land shall become
a pool,
And the thirsty ground springs of
water;
In the habitation of jackals herds
shall lie down,
It shall be an enclosure for reeds and
rushes.
[8]And a highway shall be there, and a
way,
And it shall be called The way of
holiness;
The unclean shall not pass over it;
but it shall be for those;
The wayfaring men, yea fools, shall
not err therein.
[9]No lion shall be there,
Nor shall any ravenous beast go up
thereon,
They shall not be found there;
But the redeemed shall walk there;
[10]And the ransomed of the LORD
shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee
away.

36 Now it came to pass in the
fourteenth year of king
Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of
Assyria came up against all the
fortified cities of Judah, and took
them. [2]And the king of Assyria sent
Rab-shakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem
unto king Hezekiah with a great army.
And he stood by the conduit of the
upper pool in the highway of the
fullers’field. [3]Then came forth unto
him Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that
was over the household, and Shebna
the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph
the recorder. [4]And Rab-shakeh said
unto them: ‘Say ye now to Hezekiah:
Thus saith the great king, the king of
Assyria: What confidence is this
wherein thou trustest? [5]I said: It is but
vain words; for counsel and strength
are for the war. Now on whom dost
thou trust, that thou hast rebelled
against me? [6]Behold, thou trustest
upon the staff of this bruised reed,
even upon Egypt; whereon if a man
lean, it will go into his hand, and
pierce it; so is Pharaoh king of Egypt
to all that trust on him. [7]But if thou say
unto me: We trust in the LORD our
God; is not that He, whose high places
and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken
away, and hath said to Judah and to
Jerusalem: Ye shall worship before
this altar? [8]Now therefore, I pray thee,
make a wager with my master, the
king of Assyria, and I will give thee
two thousand horses, if thou be able on
thy part to set riders upon them. [9]How
then canst thou turn away the face of
one captain, even of the least of my
master’s servants? yet thou puttest thy
trust on Egypt for chariots and for
horsemen! [10]And am I now come up

without the Lord against this land to destroy it? The Lord said unto me: Go up against this land, and destroy it.’

[11]Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rab-shakeh: ‘Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Aramean language, for we understand it; and speak not to us in the Jews’language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall.’ [12]But Rab-shakeh said: ‘Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you?’ [13]Then Rab-shakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews’language, and said: ‘Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. [14]Thus saith the king: Let not Hezekiah beguile you, for he will not be able to deliver you; [15]neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying: The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. [16]Hearken not to Hezekiah; for thus saith the king of Assyria: Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; [17]until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. [18]Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying: The Lord will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? [19]Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? [20]Who are they among all the gods of these countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?’

[21]But they held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king’s commandment was, saying: ‘Answer him not.’ [22]Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh.

37 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. [2]And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. [3]And they said unto him: ‘Thus saith Hezekiah: This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. [4]It may be the Lord thy God will hear the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to taunt the living God, and will rebuke the words which the Lord thy God hath heard;

wherefore make prayer for the remnant
that is left.’ [5]So the servants of king
Hezekiah came to Isaiah. [6]And Isaiah
said unto them: ‘Thus shall ye say to
your master: Thus saith the Lord: Be
not afraid of the words that thou hast
heard, wherewith the servants of the
king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.
[7]Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and
he shall hear a rumour, and shall return
unto his own land; and I will cause
him to fall by the sword in his own
land.’

[8]So Rab-shakeh returned, and found
the king of Assyria warring against
Libnah; for he had heard that he was
departed from Lachish. [9]And he heard
say concerning Tirhakah king of
Ethiopia: ‘He is come out to fight
against thee.’ And when he heard it, he
sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying:
[10]’Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah
king of Judah, saying: Let not thy God
in whom thou trustest beguile thee,
saying: Jerusalem shall not be given
into the hand of the king of Assyria.
[11]Behold, thou hast heard what the
kings of Assyria have done to all
lands, by destroying them utterly; and
shalt thou be delivered? [12]Have the
gods of the nations delivered them,
which my fathers have destroyed,
Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and
the children of Eden that were in
Telassar? [13]Where is the king of
Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and
the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of
Hena, and Ivvah?’

[14]And Hezekiah received the letter
from the hand of the messengers, and
read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the
house of the Lord, and spread it before
the Lord. [15]And Hezekiah prayed unto
the Lord, saying: [16]’O Lord of hosts,
the God of Israel, that sittest upon the
cherubim, Thou art the God, even
Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the
earth; Thou hast made heaven and
earth. [17]Incline Thine ear, O Lord, and
hear; open Thine eyes, O Lord, and
see; and hear all the words of
Sennacherib, who hath sent to taunt
the living God. [18]Of a truth, Lord, the
kings of Assyria have laid waste all the
countries, and their land, [19]and have
cast their gods into the fire; for they
were no gods, but the work of men’s
hands, wood and stone; therefore they
have destroyed them. [20]Now therefore,
O Lord our God, save us from his
hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth
may know that Thou art the Lord,
even Thou only.’

[21]Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent
unto Hezekiah, saying: ‘Thus saith the
Lord, the God of Israel: Whereas thou
hast prayed to Me against Sennacherib
king of Assyria, [22]this is the word
which the Lord hath spoken
concerning him:

The virgin daughter of Zion
Hath despised thee and laughed thee
to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem
Hath shaken her head at thee.
[23]Whom hast thou taunted and
blasphemed?

And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice?
Yea, thou hast lifted up thine eyes on high,
Even against the Holy One of Israel!
24 By thy servants hast thou taunted the Lord,
And hast said: With the multitude of my chariots
Am I come up to the height of the mountains,
To the innermost parts of Lebanon;
And I have cut down the tall cedars thereof,
And the choice cypress-trees thereof;
And I have entered into his farthest height,
The forest of his fruitful field.
25 I have digged and drunk water,
And with the sole of my feet have I dried up
All the rivers of Egypt.
26 Hast thou not heard?
Long ago I made it,
In ancient times I fashioned it;
Now have I brought it to pass,
Yea, it is done; that fortified cities
Should be laid waste into ruinous heaps.
27 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power,
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were as the grass of the field,
And as the green herb,
As the grass on the housetops,
And as a field of corn before it is grown up.
28 But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in,
And thy raging against Me.
29 Because of thy raging against Me,
And for that thine uproar is come up into Mine ears,
Therefore will I put My hook in thy nose,
And My bridle in thy lips,
And I will turn thee back by the way
By which thou camest.

30 And this shall be the sign unto thee:
ye shall eat this year that which
groweth of itself, and in the second
year that which springeth of the same;
and in the third year sow ye, and reap,
and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit
thereof. 31 And the remnant that is
escaped of the house of Judah shall
again take root downward, and bear
fruit upward. 32 For out of Jerusalem
shall go forth a remnant, and out of
mount Zion they that shall escape; the
zeal of the LORD of hosts shall perform
this. 33 Therefore thus saith the LORD
concerning the king of Assyria: He
shall not come unto this city, nor shoot
an arrow there, neither shall he come
before it with shield, nor cast a mound
against it. 34 By the way that he came,
by the same shall he return, and he
shall not come unto this city, saith the
LORD. 35 For I will defend this city to
save it, for Mine own sake, and for My
servant David's sake.' 36 And the angel
of the LORD went forth, and smote in
the camp of the Assyrians a hundred
and fourscore and five thousand; and

when men arose early in the morning,
behold, they were all dead corpses.
37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria
departed, and went, and returned, and
dwelt at Nineveh. 38 And it came to
pass, as he was worshipping in the
house of Nisroch his god, that
Adrammelech and Sarezer his sons
smote him with the sword; and they
escaped into the land of Ararat. And
Esarhaddon his son reigned in his
stead.

38 In those days was Hezekiah
sick unto death. And Isaiah the
prophet the son of Amoz came to him,
and said unto him: ‘Thus saith the
Lord: Set thy house in order; for thou
shalt die, and not live.’ 2 Then
Hezekiah turned his face to the wall,
and prayed unto the Lord, 3 and said:
‘Remember now, O Lord, I beseech
Thee, how I have walked before Thee
in truth and with a whole heart, and
have done that which is good in Thy
sight.’ And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 Then
came the word of the Lord to Isaiah,
saying: 5 ’Go, and say to Hezekiah:
Thus saith the Lord, the God of David
thy father: I have heard thy prayer, I
have seen thy tears; behold, I will add
unto thy days fifteen years. 6 And I will
deliver thee and this city out of the
hand of the king of Assyria; and I will
defend this city. 7 And this shall be the
sign unto thee from the Lord, that the
Lord will do this thing that He hath
spoken: 8 behold, I will cause the
shadow of the dial, which is gone
down on the sun-dial of Ahaz, to
return backward ten degrees.’ So the
sun returned ten degrees, by which
degrees it was gone down.

9 The writing of Hezekiah king of
Judah, when he had been sick, and was
recovered of his sickness.

10 I said: In the noontide of my days I shall go,
Even to the gates of the nether-world;
I am deprived of the residue of my years.
11 I said: I shall not see the Lord,
Even the Lord in the land of the living;
I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.
12 My habitation is plucked up and carried away from me
As a shepherd’s tent;
I have rolled up like a weaver my life;
He will cut me off from the thrum;
From day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.
13 The more I make myself like unto a lion until morning,
The more it breaketh all my bones;
From day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.
14 Like a swallow or a crane, so do I chatter,
I do moan as a dove;
Mine eyes fail with looking upward.
O Lord, I am oppressed, be Thou my surety.

15 What shall I say? He hath both spoken unto me,
And Himself hath done it;
I shall go softly all my years for the bitterness of my soul.
16 O Lord, by these things men live,
And altogether therein is the life of my spirit;
Wherefore recover Thou me, and make me to live.
17 Behold, for my peace I had great bitterness;
But Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it
From the pit of corruption;
For Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

18 For the nether-world cannot praise Thee,
Death cannot celebrate Thee;
They that go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth.
19 The living, the living, he shall praise Thee,
As I do this day;
The father to the children shall make known Thy truth.
20 The LORD is ready to save me;
Therefore we will sing songs to the stringed instruments
All the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

21 And Isaiah said: 'Let them take a
cake of figs, and lay it for a plaster
upon the boil, and he shall recover.'
22 And Hezekiah said.' What is the sign
that I shall go up to the house of the
LORD?'

39 At that time Merodach-
baladan the son of Baladan,
king of Babylon, sent a letter and a
present to Hezekiah; for he heard that
he had been sick, and was recovered.
2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and
showed them his treasure-house, the
silver, and the gold, and the spices,
and the precious oil, and all the house
of his armour, and all that was found
in his treasures; there was nothing in
his house, nor in all his dominion, that
Hezekiah showed them not. 3 Then
came Isaiah the prophet unto king
Hezekiah, and said unto him: 'What
said these men? and from whence
came they unto thee?' And Hezekiah
said: 'They are come from a far
country unto me, even from Babylon.'
4 Then said he: 'What have they seen in
thy house?' And Hezekiah answered:
'All that is in my house have they
seen; there is nothing among my
treasures that I have not shown them.'
5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah: 'Hear
the word of the LORD of hosts:
6 Behold, the days come, that all that is
in thy house, and that which thy
fathers have laid up in store until this
day, shall be carried to Babylon;
nothing shall be left, saith the LORD.
7 And of thy sons that shall issue from
thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they
take away; and they shall be officers in
the palace of the king of Babylon.'
8 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah:
'Good is the word of the LORD which

thou hast spoken.' He said moreover: 'If but there shall be peace and truth in my days.'

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye My people,
Saith your God.
2Bid Jerusalem take heart,
And proclaim unto her,
That her time of service is accomplished,
That her guilt is paid off;
That she hath received of the LORD'S hand
Double for all her sins.

3Hark! one calleth:
'Clear ye in the wilderness the way of the LORD,
Make plain in the desert
A highway for our God.
4Every valley shall be lifted up,
And every mountain and hill shall be made low;
And the rugged shall be made level,
And the rough places a plain;
5And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.'

6Hark! one saith: 'Proclaim! '
And he saith: 'What shall I proclaim?'
'All flesh is grass,
And all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field;
7The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
Because the breath of the LORD bloweth upon it—
Surely the people is grass.
8The grass withereth, the flower fadeth;
But the word of our God shall stand for ever.'

9O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
Get thee up into the high mountain;
O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem,
Lift up thy voice with strength;
Lift it up, be not afraid;
Say unto the cities of Judah:
'Behold your God! '
10Behold, the Lord GOD will come as a Mighty One,
And His arm will rule for Him;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His recompense before Him.
11Even as a shepherd that feedeth his flock,
That gathereth the lambs in his arm,
And carrieth them in his bosom,
And gently leadeth those that give suck.

12Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
And meted out heaven with the span,
And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
And weighed the mountains in scales,

And the hills in a balance?
[13]Who hath meted out the spirit of the LORD?
Or who was His counsellor that he might instruct Him?
[14]With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him,
And taught Him in the path of right,
And taught Him knowledge,
And made Him to know the way of discernment?
[15]Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket,
And are counted as the small dust of the balance;
Behold the isles are as a mote in weight.
[16]And Lebanon is not sufficient fuel,
Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for burnt-offerings.
[17]All the nations are as nothing before Him;
They are accounted by Him as things of nought, and vanity.
[18]To whom then will ye liken God?
Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him?
[19]The image perchance, which the craftsman hath melted,
And the goldsmith spread over with gold,
The silversmith casting silver chains?
[20]A holm-oak is set apart,
He chooseth a tree that will not rot;
He seeketh unto him a cunning craftsman
To set up an image, that shall not be moved.

[21]Know ye not? hear ye not?
Hath it not been told you from the beginning?
Have ye not understood the foundations of the earth?
[22]It is He that sitteth above the circle of the earth,
And the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers;
That stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain,
And spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in;
[23]That bringeth princes to nothing;
He maketh the judges of the earth as a thing of nought.
[24]Scarce are they planted,
Scarce are they sown,
Scarce hath their stock taken root in the earth;
When He bloweth upon them, they wither,
And the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble.
[25]To whom then will ye liken Me, that I should be equal?
Saith the Holy One.
[26]Lift up your eyes on high,
And see: who hath created these?
He that bringeth out their host by number,
He calleth them all by name;
By the greatness of His might, and for that He is strong in power,
Not one faileth.

[27]Why sayest thou, O Jacob,
And speakest, O Israel:

'My way is hid from the LORD,
And my right is passed over from my God'?
28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard
That the everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth,
Fainteth not, neither is weary?
His discernment is past searching out.
29 He giveth power to the faint;
And to him that hath no might He increaseth strength.
30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall;
31 But they that wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
They shall walk, and not faint.

41 Keep silence before Me, O islands,
And let the peoples renew their strength;
Let them draw near, then let them speak;
Let us come near together to judgment.
2 Who hath raised up one from the east,
At whose steps victory attendeth?
He giveth nations before him,
And maketh him rule over kings;
His sword maketh them as the dust,
His bow as the driven stubble.
3 He pursueth them, and passeth on safely;
The way with his feet he treadeth not.
4 Who hath wrought and done it?
He that called the generations from the beginning.
I, the LORD, who am the first,
And with the last am the same.
5 The isles saw, and feared;
The ends of the earth trembled;
They drew near, and came.

6 They helped every one his neighbour;
And every one said to his brother:
'Be of good courage.'
7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith,
And he that smootheth with the hammer him that smiteth the anvil,
Saying of the soldering: 'It is good';
And he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, My servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The seed of Abraham My friend;
9 Thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth,
And called thee from the uttermost parts thereof,
And said unto thee: 'Thou art My servant,
I have chosen thee and not cast thee away';
10 Fear thou not, for I am with thee,
Be not dismayed, for I am thy God;

I strengthen thee, yea, I help thee;
Yea, I uphold thee with My victorious right hand.
11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee
Shall be ashamed and confounded;
They that strove with thee
Shall be as nothing, and shall perish.
12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them,
Even them that contended with thee;
They that warred against thee
Shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.
13 For I the Lord thy God
Hold thy right hand,
Who say unto thee: 'Fear not,
I help thee.'

14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob,
And ye men of Israel;
I help thee, saith the Lord,
And thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
15 Behold, I make thee a new threshing-sledge
Having sharp teeth;
Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small,
And shalt make the hills as chaff.
16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away,
And the whirlwind shall scatter them;
And thou shalt rejoice in the Lord,
Thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.
17 The poor and needy seek water and there is none,
And their tongue faileth for thirst;
I the Lord will answer them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
18 I will open rivers on the high hills,
And fountains in the midst of the valleys;
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
And the dry land springs of water.
19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia-tree,
And the myrtle, and the oil-tree;
I will set in the desert the cypress, the plane-tree, and the larch together;
20 That they may see, and know,
And consider, and understand together,
That the hand of the Lord hath done this,
And the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

21 Produce your cause, saith the Lord;
Bring forth your reasons, saith the King of Jacob.
22 Let them bring them forth, and declare unto us
The things that shall happen;
The former things, what are they?
Declare ye, that we may consider,
And know the end of them;
Or announce to us things to come.
23 Declare the things that are to come hereafter,

That we may know that ye are gods;
Yea, do good, or do evil,
That we may be dismayed, and behold it together.
24 Behold, ye are nothing,
And your work a thing of nought;
An abomination is he that chooseth you.

25 I have roused up one from the north, and he is come,
From the rising of the sun one that calleth upon My name;
And he shall come upon rulers as upon mortar,
And as the potter treadeth clay.
26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know?
And beforetime, that we may say that he is right?
Yea, there is none that declareth,
Yea, there is none that announceth,
Yea, there is none that heareth your utterances.
27 A harbinger unto Zion will I give: 'Behold, behold them',
And to Jerusalem a messenger of good tidings.
28 And I look, but there is no man;
Even among them, but there is no counsellor,
That, when I ask of them, can give an answer.
29 Behold, all of them,
Their works are vanity and nought;
Their molten images are wind and confusion.

42 Behold My servant, whom I uphold;
Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth;
I have put My spirit upon him,
He shall make the right to go forth to the nations.
2 He shall not cry, nor lift up,
Nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
3 A bruised reed shall he not break,
And the dimly burning wick shall he not quench;
He shall make the right to go forth according to the truth.
4 He shall not fail nor be crushed,
Till he have set the right in the earth;
And the isles shall wait for his teaching.
5 Thus saith God the Lord,
He that created the heavens, and stretched them forth,
He that spread forth the earth and that which cometh out of it,
He that giveth breath unto the people upon it,
And spirit to them that walk therein:
6 I the Lord have called thee in righteousness,
And have taken hold of thy hand,
And kept thee, and set thee for a covenant of the people,
For a light of the nations;
7 To open the blind eyes,
To bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
And them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.

8I am the Lord, that is My name;
And My glory will I not give to another,
Neither My praise to graven images.
9Behold, the former things are come to pass,
And new things do I declare;
Before they spring forth I tell you of them.
10Sing unto the Lord a new song,
And His praise from the end of the earth;
Ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein,
The isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
11Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice,
The villages that Kedar doth inhabit;
Let the inhabitants of Sela exult,
Let them shout from the top of the mountains.
12Let them give glory unto the Lord,
And declare His praise in the islands.
13The Lord will go forth as a mighty man,
He will stir up jealousy like a man of war;
He will cry, yea, He will shout aloud,
He will prove Himself mighty against His enemies.

14I have long time held My peace,
I have been still, and refrained Myself;
Now will I cry like a travailing woman,
Gasping and panting at once.
15I will make waste mountains and hills,
And dry up all their herbs;
And I will make the rivers islands,
And will dry up the pools.
16And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not,
In paths that they knew not will I lead them;
I will make darkness light before them, and rugged places plain.
These things will I do,
And I will not leave them undone.
17They shall be turned back, greatly ashamed,
That trust in graven images,
That say unto molten images:
'Ye are our gods.'

18Hear, ye deaf,
And look, ye blind, that ye may see.
19Who is blind, but My servant?
Or deaf, as My messenger that I send?
Who is blind as he that is wholehearted,
And blind as the Lord'S servant?
20Seeing many things, thou observest not;
Opening the ears, he heareth not.
21The Lord was pleased, for His righteousness'sake,
To make the teaching great and glorious.
22But this is a people robbed and spoiled,
They are all of them snared in holes,
And they are hid in prison-houses;

They are for a prey, and none
delivereth,
For a spoil, and none saith:
'Restore.'
23Who among you will give ear to
this? Who will hearken and hear
for the time to come?
24Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and
Israel to the robbers?
Did not the LORD?
He against whom we have sinned,
And in whose ways they would not
walk,
Neither were they obedient unto His
law.
25Therefore He poured upon him the
fury of His anger,
And the strength of battle;
And it set him on fire round about,
yet he knew not,
And it burned him, yet he laid it not
to heart.

43 But now thus saith the LORD
that created thee, O Jacob,
And He that formed thee, O Israel:
Fear not, for I have redeemed thee,
I have called thee by thy name, thou
art Mine.
2When thou passest through the
waters, I will be with thee,
And through the rivers, they shall
not overflow thee;
When thou walkest through the fire,
thou shalt not be burned,
Neither shall the flame kindle upon
thee.
3For I am the LORD thy God,
The Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour;
I have given Egypt as thy ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba for thee.
4Since thou art precious in My sight,
and honourable,
And I have loved thee;
Therefore will I give men for thee,
And peoples for thy life.
5Fear not, for I am with thee;
I will bring thy seed from the east,
And gather thee from the west;
6I will say to the north: 'Give up',
And to the south: 'Keep not back,
Bring My sons from far,
And My daughters from the end of
the earth;
7Every one that is called by My
name,
And whom I have created for My
glory,
I have formed him, yea, I have made
him.'
8The blind people that have eyes
shall be brought forth,
And the deaf that have ears.
9All the nations are gathered
together,
And the peoples are assembled;
Who among them can declare this,
And announce to us former things?
Let them bring their witnesses, that
they may be justified;
And let them hear, and say: 'It is
truth.'
10Ye are My witnesses, saith the
LORD,
And My servant whom I have
chosen;
That ye may know and believe Me,
and understand

That I am He;
Before Me there was no God formed,
Neither shall any be after Me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD;
And beside Me there is no saviour.
12 I have declared, and I have saved,
And I have announced,
And there was no strange god among you;
Therefore ye are My witnesses, saith the LORD, and I am God.
13 Yea, since the day was I am He,
And there is none that can deliver out of My hand;
I will work, and who can reverse it?

14 Thus saith the LORD, your Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
For your sake I have sent to Babylon,
And I will bring down all of them as fugitives,
Even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their shouting.
15 I am the LORD, your Holy One,
The Creator of Israel, your King.

16 Thus saith the LORD, who maketh a way in the sea,
And a path in the mighty waters;
17 Who bringeth forth the chariot and horse,
The army and the power—
They lie down together, they shall not rise,
They are extinct, they are quenched as a wick:
18 Remember ye not the former things,
Neither consider the things of old.
19 Behold, I will do a new thing;
Now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it?
I will even make a way in the wilderness,
And rivers in the desert.
20 The beasts of the field shall honour Me,
The jackals and the ostriches;
Because I give waters in the wilderness,
And rivers in the desert,
To give drink to My people, Mine elect;
21 The people which I formed for Myself,
That they might tell of My praise.

22 Yet thou hast not called upon Me, O Jacob,
Neither hast thou wearied thyself about Me, O Israel.
23 Thou hast not brought Me the small cattle of thy burnt-offerings;
Neither hast thou honoured Me with thy sacrifices.
I have not burdened thee with a meal-offering,
Nor wearied thee with frankincense.
24 Thou hast bought Me no sweet cane with money,
Neither hast thou satisfied Me with the fat of thy sacrifices;

But thou hast burdened Me with thy sins,
Thou hast wearied Me with thine iniquities.
25 I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake;
And thy sins I will not remember.
26 Put Me in remembrance, let us plead together;
Declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.
27 Thy first father sinned,
And thine intercessors have transgressed against Me.
28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
And I have given Jacob to condemnation,
And Israel to reviling.

44 Yet now hear, O Jacob My servant,
And Israel, whom I have chosen;
2 Thus saith the Lord that made thee,
And formed thee from the womb, who will help thee:
Fear not, O Jacob My servant,
And thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.
3 For I will pour water upon the thirsty land,
And streams upon the dry ground;
I will pour My spirit upon thy seed,
And My blessing upon thine offspring;
4 And they shall spring up among the grass,
As willows by the watercourses.
5 One shall say: 'I am the Lord's';
And another shall call himself by the name of Jacob;
And another shall subscribe with his hand unto the Lord,
And surname himself by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel,
And his Redeemer the Lord of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last,
And beside Me there is no God.
7 And who, as I, can proclaim—
Let him declare it, and set it in order for Me—
Since I appointed the ancient people?
And the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them declare.
8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid;
Have I not announced unto thee of old, and declared it?
And ye are My witnesses.
Is there a God beside Me?
Yea, there is no Rock; I know not any.

9 They that fashion a graven image are all of them vanity,
And their delectable things shall not profit;
And their own witnesses see not, nor know;
That they may be ashamed.
10 Who hath fashioned a god, or molten an image

That is profitable for nothing?
11 Behold, all the fellows thereof shall be ashamed;
And the craftsmen skilled above men;
Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up;
They shall fear, they shall be ashamed together.

12 The smith maketh an axe,
And worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers,
And worketh it with his strong arm;
Yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth;
He drinketh no water, and is faint.
13 The carpenter stretcheth out a line;
He marketh it out with a pencil;
He fitteth it with planes,
And he marketh it out with the compasses,
And maketh it after the figure of a man,
According to the beauty of a man, to dwell in the house.
14 He heweth him down cedars,
And taketh the ilex and the oak,
And strengtheneth for himself one among the trees of the forest;
He planteth a bay-tree, and the rain doth nourish it.
15 Then a man useth it for fuel;
And he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself;
Yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread;
Yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it;
He maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.
16 He burneth the half thereof in the fire;
With the half thereof he eateth flesh;
He roasteth roast, and is satisfied;
Yea, he warmeth himself, and saith: 'Aha,
I am warm, I have seen the fire';
17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image;
He falleth down unto it and worshippeth, and prayeth unto it,
And saith: 'Deliver me, for thou art my god.'

18 They know not, neither do they understand;
For their eyes are bedaubed, that they cannot see,
And their hearts, that they cannot understand.
19 And none considereth in his heart,
Neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say:
'I have burned the half of it in the fire;
Yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof;
I have roasted flesh and eaten it;
And shall I make the residue thereof an abomination?
Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?'
20 He striveth after ashes,
A deceived heart hath turned him aside,
That he cannot deliver his soul, nor say:

'Is there not a lie in my right hand?'

21Remember these things, O Jacob,
And Israel, for thou art My servant;
I have formed thee, thou art Mine own servant;
O Israel, thou shouldest not forget Me.
22I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions,
And, as a cloud, thy sins;
Return unto Me, for I have redeemed thee.
23Sing, O ye heavens, for the Lord hath done it;
Shout, ye lowest parts of the earth;
Break forth into singing, ye mountains,
O forest, and every tree therein;
For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob,
And doth glorify Himself in Israel.

24Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer,
And He that formed thee from the womb:
I am the Lord, that maketh all things;
That stretched forth the heavens alone;
That spread abroad the earth by Myself;
25That frustrateth the tokens of the imposters,
And maketh diviners mad;
That turneth wise men backward,
And maketh their knowledge foolish;
26That confirmeth the word of His servant,
And performeth the counsel of His messengers;
That saith of Jerusalem: 'She shall be inhabited';
And of the cities of Judah: 'They shall be built,
And I will raise up the waste places thereof';
27That saith to the deep: 'Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers';
28That saith of Cyrus: 'He is My shepherd,
And shall perform all My pleasure';
Even saying of Jerusalem: 'She shall be built';
And to the temple: 'My foundation shall be laid.'

45 Thus saith the Lord to His anointed,
To Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden,
To subdue nations before him,
And to loose the loins of kings;
To open the doors before him,
And that the gates may not be shut:
2I will go before thee,
And make the crooked places straight;
I will break in pieces the doors of brass,
And cut in sunder the bars of iron;
3And I will give thee the treasures of darkness,
And hidden riches of secret places,
That thou mayest know that I am the Lord,

Who call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel.
4 For the sake of Jacob My servant,
And Israel Mine elect,
I have called thee by thy name,
I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known Me.
5 I am the LORD, and there is none else,
Beside Me there is no God;
I have girded thee, though thou hast not known Me;
6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west,
That there is none beside Me;
I am the LORD; and there is none else;
7 I form the light, and create darkness;
I make peace, and create evil;
I am the LORD, that doeth all these things.

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, that they may bring forth salvation,
And let her cause righteousness to spring up together;
I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker,
As a potsherd with the potsherds of the earth!
Shall the clay say to him that fashioned it: ‘What makest thou?’
Or: ‘Thy work, it hath no hands’?
10 Woe unto him that saith unto his father.’ Wherefore begettest thou?’
Or to a woman: ‘Wherefore travailest thou?’

11 Thus saith the LORD,
The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker:
Ask Me of the things that are to come;
Concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands, command ye Me.
12 I, even I, have made the earth,
And created man upon it;
I, even My hands, have stretched out the heavens,
And all their host have I commanded.
13 I have roused him up in victory,
And I make level all his ways;
He shall build My city,
And he shall let Mine exiles go free,
Not for price nor reward,
Saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD:
The labour of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia,
And of the Sabeans, men of stature,
Shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine;
They shall go after thee, in chains they shall come over;
And they shall fall down unto thee,

They shall make supplication unto thee:
Surely God is in thee, and there is none else,
There is no other God.
15 Verily Thou art a God that hidest Thyself,
O God of Israel, the Saviour.
16 They shall be ashamed, yea, confounded, all of them;
They shall go in confusion together that are makers of idols.
17 O Israel, that art saved by the Lord with an everlasting salvation;
Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens,
He is God;
That formed the earth and made it,
He established it,
He created it not a waste, He formed it to be inhabited:
I am the Lord, and there is none else.
19 I have not spoken in secret,
In a place of the land of darkness;
I said not unto the seed of Jacob:
'Seek ye Me in vain';
I the Lord speak righteousness,
I declare things that are right.
20 Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together,
Ye that are escaped of the nations;
They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image,
And pray unto a god that cannot save.
21 Declare ye, and bring them near,
Yea, let them take counsel together:
Who hath announced this from ancient time,
And declared it of old?
Have not I the Lord?
And there is no God else beside Me,
A just God and a Saviour;
There is none beside Me.
22 Look unto Me, and be ye saved,
All the ends of the earth;
For I am God, and there is none else.
23 By Myself have I sworn,
The word is gone forth from My mouth in righteousness,
And shall not come back,
That unto Me every knee shall bow,
Every tongue shall swear.
24 Only in the Lord, shall one say of Me, is victory and strength;
Even to Him shall men come in confusion,
All they that were incensed against Him.
25 In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel
Be justified, and shall glory.

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth;
Their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle;
The things that ye carried about are made a load,
A burden to the weary beast.
2 They stoop, they bow down together,
They could not deliver the burden;

And themselves are gone into
captivity.
3Hearken unto Me, O house of
Jacob,
And all the remnant of the house of
Israel,
That are borne [by Me] from the
birth,
That are carried from the womb:
4Even to old age I am the same,
And even to hoar hairs will I carry
you;
I have made, and I will bear;
Yea, I will carry, and will deliver.

5To whom will ye liken Me, and
make Me equal,
And compare Me, that we may be
like?
6Ye that lavish gold out of the bag,
And weigh silver in the balance;
Ye that hire a goldsmith, that he
make it a god,
To fall down thereto, yea, to
worship.
7He is borne upon the shoulder, he is
carried,
And set in his place, and he
standeth,
From his place he doth not remove;
Yea, though one cry unto him, he
cannot answer,
Nor save him out of his trouble.

8Remember this, and stand fast;
Bring it to mind, O ye transgressors.
9Remember the former things of
old:
That I am God, and there is none
else;
I am God, and there is none like Me;
10Declaring the end from the
beginning,
And from ancient times things that
are not yet done;
Saying: ‘My counsel shall stand,
And all My pleasure will I do’;
11Calling a bird of prey from the
east,
The man of My counsel from a far
country;
Yea, I have spoken, I will also bring
it to pass,
I have purposed, I will also do it.

12Hearken unto Me, ye stout-
hearted,
That are far from righteousness:
13I bring near My righteousness, it
shall not be far off,
And My salvation shall not tarry;
And I will place salvation in Zion
For Israel My glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the
dust,
O virgin daughter of Babylon,
Sit on the ground without a throne,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For thou shalt no more be called
Tender and delicate.
2Take the millstones, and grind
meal;
Remove thy veil,
Strip off the train, uncover the leg,
Pass through the rivers.
3Thy nakedness shall be uncovered,

Yea, thy shame shall be seen;
I will take vengeance,
And will let no man intercede.
4Our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is His name,
The Holy One of Israel.
5Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness,
O daughter of the Chaldeans;
For thou shalt no more be called
The mistress of kingdoms.
6I was wroth with My people,
I profaned Mine inheritance,
And gave them into thy hand;
Thou didst show them no mercy;
Upon the aged hast thou very heavily
Laid thy yoke.
7And thou saidst:
‘For ever shall I be mistress’;
So that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart,
Neither didst remember the end thereof.

8Now therefore hear this, thou that art given to pleasures,
That sittest securely,
That sayest in thy heart:
‘I am, and there is none else beside me;
I shall not sit as a widow,
Neither shall I know the loss of children’;
9But these two things shall come to thee in a moment
In one day, the loss of children, and widow-hood;
In their full measure shall they come upon thee,
For the multitude of thy sorceries,
And the great abundance of thine enchantments.

10And thou hast been secure in thy wickedness,
Thou hast said: ‘None seeth me’;
Thy wisdom and thy knowledge,
It hath perverted thee;
And thou hast said in thy heart.
’I am, and there is none else beside me.’
11Yet shall evil came upon thee;
Thou shalt not know how to charm it away;
And calamity shall fall upon thee;
Thou shalt not be able to put it away;
And ruin shall come upon thee suddenly,
Before thou knowest.

12Stand now with thine enchantments,
And with the multitude of thy sorceries,
Wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth;
If so be thou shalt be able to profit,
If so be thou mayest prevail.
13Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels;
Let now the astrologers, the stargazers,
The monthly prognosticators,
Stand up, and save thee

From the things that shall come
upon thee.
14 Behold, they shall be as stubble;
The fire shall burn them;
They shall not deliver themselves
From the power of the flame;
It shall not be a coal to warm at,
Nor a fire to sit before.
15 Thus shall they be unto thee
With whom thou hast laboured;
They that have trafficked with thee
from thy youth
Shall wander every one to his
quarter;
There shall be none to save thee.

48 Hear ye this, O house of
Jacob,
Who are called by the name of
Israel,
And are come forth out of the
fountain of Judah;
Who swear by the name of the
Lord,
And make mention of the God of
Israel,
But not in truth, nor in
righteousness.
2 For they call themselves of the holy
city,
And stay themselves upon the God
of Israel,
The Lord of hosts is His name.
3 I have declared the former things
from of old;
Yea, they went forth out of My
mouth, and I announced them;
Suddenly I did them, and they came
to pass.
4 Because I knew that thou art
obstinate,
And thy neck is an iron sinew, and
thy brow brass;
5 Therefore I have declared it to thee
from of old;
Before it came to pass I announced
it to thee;
Lest thou shouldest say: ‘Mine idol
hath done them,
And my graven image, and my
molten image, hath commanded
them.’
6 Thou hast heard, see, all this;
And ye, will ye not declare it?
I have announced unto thee new
things from this time,
Even hidden things, which thou hast
not known.
7 They are created now, and not from
of old,
And before this day thou heardest
them not;
Lest thou shouldest say: ‘Behold, I
knew them.’
8 Yea, thou heardest not;
Yea, thou knewest not;
Yea, from of old thine ear was not
opened;
For I knew that thou wouldest deal
very treacherously,
And wast called a transgressor from
the womb.
9 For My name’s sake will I defer
Mine anger,
And for My praise will I refrain for
thee, that I cut thee not off.
10 Behold, I have refined thee, but
not as silver;

I have tried thee in the furnace of affliction.
[11]For Mine own sake, for Mine own sake, will I do it;
For how should it be profaned?
And My glory will I not give to another.

[12]Hearken unto Me, O Jacob,
And Israel My called:
I am He; I am the first,
I also am the last.
[13]Yea, My hand hath laid the foundation of the earth,
And My right hand hath spread out the heavens;
When I call unto them,
They stand up together.
[14]Assemble yourselves, all ye, and hear;
Which among them hath declared these things?
He whom the Lord loveth shall perform His pleasure on Babylon,
And show His arm on the Chaldeans.
[15]I, even I, have spoken, yea, I have called him;
I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

[16]Come ye near unto Me, hear ye this:
From the beginning I have not spoken in secret;
From the time that it was, there am I;
And now the Lord God hath sent me, and His spirit.

[17]Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer,
The Holy One of Israel:
I am the Lord thy God,
Who teacheth thee for thy profit,
Who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.
[18]Oh that thou wouldest hearken to My commandments!
Then would thy peace be as a river,
And thy righteousness as the waves of the sea;
[19]Thy seed also would be as the sand,
And the offspring of thy body like the grains thereof;
His name would not be cut off
Nor destroyed from before Me.

[20]Go ye forth from Babylon,
Flee ye from the Chaldeans;
With a voice of singing
Declare ye, tell this,
Utter it even to the end of the earth;
Say ye: 'The Lord hath redeemed His servant Jacob.
[21]And they thirsted not
When He led them through the deserts;
He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them;
He cleaved the rock also, and the waters gushed out.'
[22]There is no peace,
Saith the Lord concerning the wicked.

49 Listen, O isles, unto me,
And hearken, ye peoples, from far:
The Lord hath called me from the womb,
From the bowels of my mother hath He made mention of my name;
2 And He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword,
In the shadow of His hand hath He hid me;
And He hath made me a polished shaft,
In His quiver hath He concealed me;
3 And He said unto me: 'Thou art My servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.'
4 But I said: 'I have laboured in vain,
I have spent my strength for nought and vanity;
Yet surely my right is with the Lord,
And my recompense with my God.'
5 And now saith the Lord
That formed me from the womb to be His servant,
To bring Jacob back to Him,
And that Israel be gathered unto Him—
For I am honourable in the eyes of the Lord,
And my God is become my strength—
6 Yea, He saith: 'It is too light a thing that thou shouldest be My servant
To raise up the tribes of Jacob,
And to restore the offspring of Israel;
I will also give thee for a light of the nations,
That My salvation may be unto the end of the earth.'

7 Thus saith the Lord,
The Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One,
To him who is despised of men,
To him who is abhorred of nations,
To a servant of rulers:
Kings shall see and arise,
Princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
Because of the Lord that is faithful,
Even the Holy One of Israel, who hath chosen thee.

8 Thus saith the Lord:
In an acceptable time have I answered thee,
And in a day of salvation have I helped thee;
And I will preserve thee, and give thee
For a covenant of the people,
To raise up the land,
To cause to inherit the desolate heritages;
9 Saying to the prisoners: 'Go forth';
To them that are in darkness: 'Show yourselves';
They shall feed in the ways,
And in all high hills shall be their pasture;
10 They shall not hunger nor thirst,
Neither shall the heat nor sun smite them;

For He that hath compassion on them will lead them,
Even by the springs of water will He guide them.
11 And I will make all My mountains a way,
And My highways shall be raised on high.
12 Behold, these shall come from far;
And, lo, these from the north and from the west,
And these from the land of Sinim.

13 Sing, O heavens, and be joyful, O earth,
And break forth into singing, O mountains;
For the LORD hath comforted His people,
And hath compassion upon His afflicted.

14 But Zion said: 'The LORD hath forsaken me,
And the Lord hath forgotten me.'
15 Can a woman forget her sucking child,
That she should not have compassion on the son of her womb?
Yea, these may forget,
Yet will not I forget thee.
16 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands;
Thy walls are continually before Me.
17 Thy children make haste;
Thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth from thee.
18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold:
All these gather themselves together, and come to thee.
As I live, saith the LORD,
Thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament,
And gird thyself with them, like a bride.
19 For thy waste and thy desolate places
And thy land that hath been destroyed—
Surely now shalt thou be too strait for the inhabitants,
And they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.
20 The children of thy bereavement
Shall yet say in thine ears:
'The place is too strait for me;
Give place to me that I may dwell.'
21 Then shalt thou say in thy heart:
'Who hath begotten me these,
Seeing I have been bereaved of my children, and am solitary,
An exile, and wandering to and fro?
And who hath brought up these?
Behold, I was left alone;
These, where were they?'

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will lift up My hand to the nations,
And set up Mine ensign to the peoples,

And they shall bring thy sons in
their bosom,
And thy daughters shall be carried
upon their shoulders.
23 And kings shall be thy foster-
fathers,
And their queens thy nursing
mothers;
They shall bow down to thee with
their face to the earth,
And lick the dust of thy feet;
And thou shalt know that I am the
LORD,
For they shall not be ashamed that
wait for Me.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the
mighty,
Or the captives of the victorious be
delivered?
25 But thus saith the LORD:
Even the captives of the mighty
shall be taken away,
And the prey of the terrible shall be
delivered;
And I will contend with him that
contendeth with thee,
And I will save thy children.
26 And I will feed them that oppress
thee with their own flesh;
And they shall be drunken with their
own blood, as with sweet wine;
And all flesh shall know that I the
LORD am thy Saviour,
And thy Redeemer, the Mighty One
of Jacob.

50 Thus saith the LORD:
Where is the bill of your
mother's divorcement,
Wherewith I have put her away?
Or which of My creditors is it
To whom I have sold you?
Behold, for your iniquities were ye
sold,
And for your transgressions was
your mother put away.
2 Wherefore, when I came, was there
no man?
When I called, was there none to
answer?
Is My hand shortened at all, that it
cannot redeem?
Or have I no power to deliver?
Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the
sea,
I make the rivers a wilderness;
Their fish become foul, because
there is no water,
And die for thirst.
3 I clothe the heavens with blackness,
And I make sackcloth their
covering.

4 The Lord GOD hath given me
The tongue of them that are taught,
That I should know how to sustain
with words him that is weary;
He wakeneth morning by morning,
He wakeneth mine ear
To hear as they that are taught.
5 The Lord GOD hath opened mine
ear,
And I was not rebellious,
Neither turned away backward.
6 I gave my back to the smiters,
And my checks to them that plucked
off the hair;

I hid not my face from shame and
spitting.
7 For the Lord GOD will help me;
Therefore have I not been
confounded;
Therefore have I set my face like a
flint,
And I know that I shall not be
ashamed.
8 He is near that justifieth me;
Who will contend with me? let us
stand up together;
Who is mine adversary? let him
come near to me.
9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me;
Who is he that shall condemn me?
Behold, they all shall wax old as a
garment,
The moth shall eat them up.

10 Who is among you that feareth the
LORD,
That obeyeth the voice of His
servant?
Though he walketh in darkness,
And hath no light,
Let him trust in the name of the
LORD,
And stay upon his God.
11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire,
That gird yourselves with
firebrands,
Begone in the flame of your fire,
And among the brands that ye have
kindled.
This shall ye have of My hand;
Ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 Hearken to Me, ye that follow
after righteousness,
Ye that seek the LORD;
Look unto the rock whence ye were
hewn,
And to the hole of the pit whence ye
were digged.
2 Look unto Abraham your father,
And unto Sarah that bore you;
For when he was but one I called
him,
And I blessed him, and made him
many.
3 For the LORD hath comforted Zion;
He hath comforted all her waste
places,
And hath made her wilderness like
Eden,
And her desert like the garden of the
LORD;
Joy and gladness shall be found
therein,
Thanksgiving, and the voice of
melody.

4 Attend unto Me, O My people,
And give ear unto Me, O My nation;
For instruction shall go forth from
Me,
And My right on a sudden for a light
of the peoples.
5 My favour is near,
My salvation is gone forth,
And Mine arms shall judge the
peoples;
The isles shall wait for Me,
And on Mine arm shall they trust.
6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
And look upon the earth beneath;

For the heavens shall vanish away
like smoke,
And the earth shall wax old like a
garment,
And they that dwell therein shall die
in like manner;
But My salvation shall be for ever,
And My favour shall not be
abolished.

7 Hearken unto Me, ye that know
righteousness,
The people in whose heart is My
law;
Fear ye not the taunt of men,
Neither be ye dismayed at their
revilings.
8 For the moth shall eat them up like
a garment,
And the worm shall eat them like
wool;
But My favour shall be for ever,
And My salvation unto all
generations.

9 Awake, awake, put on strength,
O arm of the LORD;
Awake, as in the days of old,
The generations of ancient times.
Art thou not it that hewed Rahab in
pieces,
That pierced the dragon?
10 Art thou not it that dried up the
sea,
The waters of the great deep;
That made the depths of the sea a
way
For the redeemed to pass over?
11 And the ransomed of the LORD
shall return,
And come with singing unto Zion,
And everlasting joy shall be upon
their heads;
They shall obtain gladness and joy,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee
away.

12 I, even I, am He that comforteth
you:
Who art thou, that thou art afraid of
man that shall die,
And of the son of man that shall be
made as grass;
13 And hast forgotten the LORD thy
Maker,
That stretched forth the heavens,
And laid the foundations of the
earth;
And fearest continually all the day
Because of the fury of the
oppressor,
As he maketh ready to destroy?
And where is the fury of the
oppressor?
14 He that is bent down shall speedily
be loosed;
And he shall not go down dying into
the pit,
Neither shall his bread fail.
15 For I am the LORD thy God,
Who stirreth up the sea, that the
waves thereof roar;
The LORD of hosts is His name.
16 And I have put My words in thy
mouth,
And have covered thee in the
shadow of My hand,

That I may plant the heavens,
And lay the foundations of the earth,
And say unto Zion: 'Thou art My people.'

17 Awake, awake,
Stand up, O Jerusalem,
That hast drunk at the hand of the LORD
The cup of His fury;
Thou hast drunken the beaker, even the cup of staggering,
And drained it.
18 There is none to guide her
Among all the sons whom she hath brought forth;
Neither is there any that taketh her by the hand
Of all the sons that she hath brought up.
19 These two things are befallen thee;
Who shall bemoan thee?
Desolation and destruction,
And the famine and the sword;
How shall I comfort thee?
20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets,
As an antelope in a net;
They are full of the fury of the LORD,
The rebuke of thy God.
21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted,
And drunken, but not with wine;
22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD,
And thy God that pleadeth the cause of His people:
Behold, I have taken out of thy hand
The cup of staggering;
The beaker, even the cup of My fury,
Thou shalt no more drink it again;
23 And I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee;
That have said to thy soul:
'Bow down, that we may go over';
And thou hast laid thy back as the ground,
And as the street, to them that go over.

52 Awake, awake,
Put on thy strength, O Zion;
Put on thy beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city;
For henceforth there shall no more come into thee
The uncircumcised and the unclean.
2 Shake thyself from the dust;
Arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem;
Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck,
O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the LORD:
Ye were sold for nought;
And ye shall be redeemed without money.
4 For thus saith the Lord GOD:
My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there;
And the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
5 Now therefore, what do I here, saith the LORD,
Seeing that My people is taken away for nought?

They that rule over them do howl,
saith the LORD,
And My name continually all the
day is blasphemed.
6Therefore My people shall know
My name;
Therefore they shall know in that
day
That I, even He that spoke, behold,
here I am.

7How beautiful upon the mountains
Are the feet of the messenger of
good tidings,
That announceth peace, the
harbinger of good tidings,
That announceth salvation;
That saith unto Zion:
'Thy God reigneth! '
8Hark, thy watchmen! they lift up
the voice,
Together do they sing;
For they shall see, eye to eye,
The LORD returning to Zion.
9Break forth into joy, sing together,
Ye waste places of Jerusalem;
For the LORD hath comforted His
people,
He hath redeemed Jerusalem.
10The LORD hath made bare His holy
arm
In the eyes of all the nations;
And all the ends of the earth shall
see
The salvation of our God.
11Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out
from thence,
Touch no unclean thing;
Go ye out of the midst of her; be ye
clean,
Ye that bear the vessels of the LORD.
12For ye shall not go out in haste,
Neither shall ye go by flight;
For the LORD will go before you,
And the God of Israel will be your
rearward.

13Behold, My servant shall prosper,
He shall be exalted and lifted up,
and shall be very high.
14According as many were appalled
at thee—
So marred was his visage unlike that
of a man,
And his form unlike that of the sons
of men—
15So shall he startle many nations,
Kings shall shut their mouths
because of him;
For that which had not been told
them shall they see,
And that which they had not heard
shall they perceive.

53 'Who would have believed our
report?
And to whom hath the arm of the
LORD been revealed?
2For he shot up right forth as a
sapling,
And as a root out of a dry ground;
He had no form nor comeliness, that
we should look upon him,
Nor beauty that we should delight in
him.
3He was despised, and forsaken of
men,

A man of pains, and acquainted with disease,
And as one from whom men hide their face:
He was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely our diseases he did bear, and our pains he carried;
Whereas we did esteem him stricken,
Smitten of God, and afflicted.
5 But he was wounded because of our transgressions,
He was crushed because of our iniquities:
The chastisement of our welfare was upon him,
And with his stripes we were healed.
6 All we like sheep did go astray,
We turned every one to his own way;
And the Lord hath made to light on him
The iniquity of us all.
7 He was oppressed, though he humbled himself
And opened not his mouth;
As a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
And as a sheep that before her shearers is dumb;
Yea, he opened not his mouth.
8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away,
And with his generation who did reason?
For he was cut off out of the land of the living,
For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due.
9 And they made his grave with the wicked,
And with the rich his tomb;
Although he had done no violence,
Neither was any deceit in his mouth.'

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to crush him by disease;
To see if his soul would offer itself in restitution,
That he might see his seed, prolong his days,
And that the purpose of the Lord might prosper by his hand:
11 Of the travail of his soul he shall see to the full, even My servant,
Who by his knowledge did justify the Righteous One to the many,
And their iniquities he did bear.
12 Therefore will I divide him a portion among the great,
And he shall divide the spoil with the mighty;
Because he bared his soul unto death,
And was numbered with the transgressors;
Yet he bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

54 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear,
Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail;

For more are the children of the desolate
Than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.
2 Enlarge the place of thy tent,
And let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations, spare not;
Lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.
3 For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left;
And thy seed shall possess the nations,
And make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
4 Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed.
Neither be thou confounded, for thou shalt not be put to shame;
For thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth,
And the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou remember no more.
5 For thy Maker is thy husband,
The LORD of hosts is His name;
And the Holy One of Israel is thy Redeemer,
The God of the whole earth shall He be called.
6 For the LORD hath called thee
As a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit;
And a wife of youth, can she be rejected?
Saith thy God.
7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee;
But with great compassion will I gather thee.
8 In a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a moment;
But with everlasting kindness will I have compassion on thee,
Saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto Me;
For as I have sworn that the waters of Noah
Should no more go over the earth,
So have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee,
Nor rebuke thee.
10 For the mountains may depart,
And the hills be removed;
But My kindness shall not depart from thee,
Neither shall My covenant of peace be removed,
Saith the LORD that hath compass-sion on thee.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest,
And not comforted,
Behold, I will set thy stones in fair colours,
And lay thy foundations with sapphires.
12 And I will make thy pinnacles of rubies,
And thy gates of carbuncles,
And all thy border of precious stones.
13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD;

And great shall be the peace of thy children.
14 In righteousness shalt thou be established;
Be thou far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear,
And from ruin, for it shall not come near thee.
15 Behold, they may gather together, but not by Me;
Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall because of thee.
16 Behold, I have created the smith
That bloweth the fire of coals,
And bringeth forth a weapon for his work;
And I have created the waster to destroy.
17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper;
And every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.
This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
And their due reward from Me, saith the LORD.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye for water,
And he that hath no money;
Come ye, buy, and eat;
Yea, come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?
And your gain for that which satisfieth not?
Hearken diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is good,
And let your soul delight itself in fatness.
3 Incline your ear, and come unto Me;
Hear, and your soul shall live;
And I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
Even the sure mercies of David.
4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples,
A prince and commander to the peoples.
5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not,
And a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee;
Because of the LORD thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel, for He hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye the LORD while He may be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near;
7 Let the wicked forsake his way,
And the man of iniquity his thoughts;
And let him return unto the LORD, and He will have compassion upon him,
And to our God, for He will abundantly pardon
8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.
9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

So are My ways higher than your ways,
And My thoughts than your thoughts.
10 For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven,
And returneth not thither,
Except it water the earth,
And make it bring forth and bud,
And give seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
11 So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth:
It shall not return unto Me void,
Except it accomplish that which I please,
And make the thing whereto I sent it prosper.
12 For ye shall go out with joy,
And be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing,
And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress,
And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
And it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
For an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

56 Thus saith the Lord:
Keep ye justice, and do righteousness;
For My salvation is near to come,
And My favour to be revealed.
2 Happy is the man that doeth this,
And the son of man that holdeth fast by it:
That keepeth the sabbath from profaning it,
And keepeth his hand from doing any evil.
3 Neither let the alien,
That hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying:
'The Lord will surely separate me from His people';
Neither let the eunuch say:
'Behold, I am a dry tree.'
4 For thus saith the Lord
Concerning the eunuchs that keep My sabbaths,
And choose the things that please Me,
And hold fast by My covenant:
5 Even unto them will I give in My house
And within My walls a monument and a memorial
Better than sons and daughters;
I will give them an everlasting memorial,
That shall not be cut off.
6 Also the aliens, that join themselves to the Lord, to minister unto Him,
And to love the name of the Lord,
To be His servants,
Every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it,
And holdeth fast by My covenant:
7 Even them will I bring to My holy mountain,

And make them joyful in My house of prayer;
Their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices
Shall be acceptable upon Mine altar;
For My house shall be called
A house of prayer for all peoples.
8 Saith the Lord GOD who gathereth the dispersed of Israel:
Yet I will gather others to him, beside those of him that are gathered.

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour,
Yea, all ye beasts in the forest.
10 His watchmen are all blind,
Without knowledge;
They are all dumb dogs,
They cannot bark;
Raving, lying down, loving to slumber.
11 Yea, the dogs are greedy,
They know not when they have enough;
And these are shepherds
That cannot understand;
They all turn to their own way,
Each one to his gain, one and all.
12 'Come ye, I will fetch wine,
And we will fill ourselves with strong drink;
And to-morrow shall be as this day,
And much more abundant.'

57 The righteous perisheth,
And no man layeth it to heart,
And godly men are taken away,
None considering
That the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.
2 He entereth into peace,
They rest in their beds,
Each one that walketh in his uprightness.

3 But draw near hither,
Ye sons of the sorceress,
The seed of the adulterer and the harlot.
4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves?
Against whom make ye a wide mouth,
And draw out the tongue?
Are ye not children of transgression,
A seed of falsehood,
5 Ye that inflame yourselves among the terebinths,
Under every leafy tree;
That slay the children in the valleys,
Under the clefts of the rocks?
6 Among the smooth stones of the valley is thy portion;
They, they are thy lot;
Even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering,
Thou hast offered a meal-offering.
Should I pacify Myself for these things?
7 Upon a high and lofty mountain
Hast thou set thy bed;
Thither also wentest thou up
To offer sacrifice.
8 And behind the doors and the posts
Hast thou set up thy symbol;
For thou hast uncovered, and art gone up from Me,

Thou hast enlarged thy bed,
And chosen thee of them
Whose bed thou lovedst,
Whose hand thou sawest.
9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment,
And didst increase thy perfumes,
And didst send thine ambassadors far off,
Even down to the nether-world.
10 Thou wast wearied with the length of thy way; yet saidst thou not: 'There is no hope'; thou didst find a renewal of thy strength, therefore thou wast not affected.
11 And of whom hast thou been afraid and in fear, that thou wouldest fail? And as for Me, thou hast not remembered Me, nor laid it to thy heart. Have not I held My peace even of long time? Therefore thou fearest Me not.
12 I will declare thy righteousness; thy works also—they shall not profit thee.
13 When thou criest, let them that thou hast gathered deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away, a breath shall bear them off; but he that taketh refuge in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain.

14 And He will say:
Cast ye up, cast ye up, clear the way,
Take up the stumblingblock out of the way of My people.
15 For thus saith the High and Lofty One
That inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy:
I dwell in the high and holy place,
With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit,
To revive the spirit of the humble,
And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
16 For I will not contend for ever,
Neither will I be always wroth;
For the spirit that enwrappeth itself is from Me,
And the souls which I have made.
17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth and smote him,
I hid Me and was wroth;
And he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.
18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him;
I will lead him also, and requite with comforts him and his mourners.
19 Peace, peace, to him that is far off and to him that is near,
Saith the LORD that createth the fruit of the lips;
And I will heal him.
20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea;
For it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt.
21 There is no peace,
Saith my God concerning the wicked.

58 Cry aloud, spare not,
Lift up thy voice like a horn,
And declare unto My people their transgression,
And to the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet they seek Me daily,
And delight to know My ways;
As a nation that did righteousness,
And forsook not the ordinance of their God,
They ask of Me righteous ordinances,
They delight to draw near unto God.

3 'Wherefore have we fasted, and Thou seest not?
Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and Thou takest no knowledge?'—
Behold, in the day of your fast ye pursue your business,
And exact all your labours.
4 Behold, ye fast for strife and contention,
And to smite with the fist of wickedness;
Ye fast not this day
So as to make your voice to be heard on high.
5 Is such the fast that I have chosen?
The day for a man to afflict his soul?
Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush,
And to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Wilt thou call this a fast,
And an acceptable day to the LORD?
6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen?
To loose the fetters of wickedness,
To undo the bands of the yoke,
And to let the oppressed go free,
And that ye break every yoke?
7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,
And that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?
When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him,
And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?
8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning,
And thy healing shall spring forth speedily;
And thy righteousness shall go before thee,
The glory of the LORD shall be thy rearward.
9 Then shalt thou call, and the LORD will answer;
Thou shalt cry, and He will say: 'Here I am.'
If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,
The putting forth of the finger, and speaking wickedness;
10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry,
And satisfy the afflicted soul;
Then shall thy light rise in darkness,
And thy gloom be as the noon-day;
11 And the LORD will guide thee continually,
And satisfy thy soul in drought,
And make strong thy bones;

And thou shalt be like a watered garden,
And like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.
12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places,
Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations;
And thou shalt be called The repairer of the breach,
The restorer of paths to dwell in.
13 If thou turn away thy foot because of the sabbath,
From pursuing thy business on My holy day;
And call the sabbath a delight,
And the holy of the LORD honourable;
And shalt honour it, not doing thy wonted ways,
Nor pursuing thy business, nor speaking thereof;
14 Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD,
And I will make thee to ride upon the high places of the earth,
And I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father;
For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

59 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,
Neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear;
2 But your iniquities have separated
Between you and your God,
And your sins have hid His face from you,
That He will not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with blood,
And your fingers with iniquity;
Your lips have spoken lies,
Your tongue muttereth wickedness.
4 None sueth in righteousness,
And none pleadeth in truth;
They trust in vanity, and speak lies,
They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch basilisks'eggs,
And weave the spider's web;
He that eateth of their eggs dieth,
And that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.
6 Their webs shall not become garments,
Neither shall men cover themselves with their works;
Their works are works of iniquity,
And the act of violence is in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed innocent blood;
Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity,
Desolation and destruction are in their paths.
8 The way of peace they know not,
And there is no right in their goings;
They have made them crooked paths,
Whosoever goeth therein doth not know peace.

9 Therefore is justice far from us,
Neither doth righteousness overtake us;
We look for light, but behold darkness,
For brightness, but we walk in gloom.
10 We grope for the wall like the blind,
Yea, as they that have no eyes do we grope;
We stumble at noonday as in the twilight;
We are in dark places like the dead.
11 We all growl like bears,
And mourn sore like doves;
We look for right, but there is none;
For salvation, but it is far off from us.

12 For our transgressions are multiplied before Thee,
And our sins testify against us;
For our transgressions are present to us,
And as for our iniquities, we know them:
13 Transgressing and denying the LORD,
And turning away from following our God,
Speaking oppression and perverseness,
Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
14 And justice is turned away backward,
And righteousness standeth afar off;
For truth hath stumbled in the broad place,
And uprightness cannot enter.
15 And truth is lacking,
And he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey.

And the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him
That there was no justice;
16 And He saw that there was no man,
And was astonished that there was no intercessor;
Therefore His own arm brought salvation unto Him;
And His righteousness, it sustained Him;
17 And He put on righteousness as a coat of mail,
And a helmet of salvation upon His head,
And He put on garments of vengeance for clothing,
And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay,
Fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies;
To the islands He will repay recompense.
19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun;
For distress will come in like a flood,
Which the breath of the LORD driveth.

20 And a redeemer will come to Zion,
And unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob,
Saith the LORD.
21 And as for Me, this is My covenant
with them, saith the LORD; My spirit
that is upon thee, and My words which
I have put in thy mouth, shall not
depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the
mouth of thy seed, nor out of the
mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the
LORD, from henceforth and for ever.

60 Arise, shine, for thy light is come,
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
2 For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
And gross darkness the peoples;
But upon thee the LORD will arise,
And His glory shall be seen upon thee.
3 And nations shall walk at thy light,
And kings at the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift Up thine eyes round about, and see:
They all are gathered together, and come to thee;
Thy sons come from far,
And thy daughters are borne on the side.
5 Then thou shalt see and be radiant,
And thy heart shall throb and be enlarged;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee,
The wealth of the nations shall come unto thee.
6 The caravan of camels shall cover thee,
And of the young camels of Midian and Ephah,
All coming from Sheba;
They shall bring gold and incense,
And shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.
7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee,
The rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee;
They shall come up with acceptance on Mine altar,
And I will glorify My glorious house.

8 Who are these that fly as a cloud,
And as the doves to their cotes?
9 Surely the isles shall wait for Me,
And the ships of Tarshish first,
To bring thy sons from far,
Their silver and their gold with them,
For the name of the LORD thy God,
And for the Holy One of Israel, because He hath glorified thee.

10 And aliens shall build up thy walls,
And their kings shall minister unto thee;
For in My wrath I smote thee,
But in My favour have I had compassion on thee.

11Thy gates also shall be open continually,
Day and night, they shall not be shut;
That men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations,
And their kings in procession.
12For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish;
Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

13The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee,
The cypress, the plane-tree and the larch together;
To beautify the place of My sanctuary,
And I will make the place of My feet glorious.
14And the sons of them that afflicted thee
Shall come bending unto thee,
And all they that despised thee shall bow down
At the soles of thy feet;
And they shall call thee The city of the Lord,
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated,
So that no man passed through thee,
I will make thee an eternal excellency,
A joy of many generations.
16Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations,
And shalt suck the breast of kings;
And thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour,
And I, the Mighty One of Jacob, thy Redeemer.

17For brass I will bring gold,
And for iron I will bring silver,
And for wood brass,
And for stones iron;
I will also make thy officers peace,
And righteousness thy magistrates.
18Violence shall no more be heard in thy land,
Desolation nor destruction within thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation,
And thy gates Praise.

19The sun shall be no more thy light by day,
Neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee;
But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light,
And thy God thy glory.
20Thy sun shall no more go down,
Neither shall thy moon withdraw itself;
For the Lord shall be thine everlasting light,
And the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21Thy people also shall be all righteous,
They shall inherit the land for ever;
The branch of My planting, the work of My hands,

Wherein I glory.
22 The smallest shall become a thousand,
And the least a mighty nation;
I the LORD will hasten it in its time.

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me;
Because the LORD hath anointed me
To bring good tidings unto the humble;
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the eyes to them that are bound;
2 To proclaim the year of the LORD'S good pleasure,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all that mourn;
3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
To give unto them a garland for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called terebinths of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, wherein He might glory.
4 And they shall build the old wastes,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall renew the waste cities,
The desolations of many generations.
5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And aliens shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
6 But ye shall be named the priests of the LORD,
Men shall call you the ministers of our God;
Ye shall eat the wealth of the nations,
And in their splendour shall ye revel.
7 For your shame which was double,
And for that they rejoiced: 'Confusion is their portion';
Therefore in their land they shall possess double,
Everlasting joy shall be unto them.

8 For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery with iniquity;
And I will give them their recompense in truth,
And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
9 And their seed shall be known among the nations,
And their offspring among the peoples;
All that see them shall acknowledge them,
That they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful in my God;
For He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,

He hath covered me with the robe of victory,
As a bridegroom putteth on a priestly diadem,
And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
11 For as the earth bringeth forth her growth,
And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord God will cause victory and glory
To spring forth before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake will I not hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until her triumph go forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a torch that burneth.
2 And the nations shall see thy triumph,
And all kings thy glory;
And thou shalt be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the Lord shall mark out.
3 Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
And a royal diadem in the open hand of thy God.
4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken,
Neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate;
But thou shalt be called, My delight is in her,
And thy land, Espoused;
For the Lord delighteth in thee,
And thy land shall be espoused.
5 For as a young man espouseth a virgin,
So shall thy sons espouse thee;
And as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride,
So shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I have set watchmen
Upon thy walls, O Jerusalem,
They shall never hold their peace
Day nor night:
'Ye that are the Lord'S remembrancers,
Take ye no rest,
7 And give Him no rest,
Till He establish,
And till He make Jerusalem
A praise in the earth.'
8 The Lord hath sworn by His right hand,
And by the arm of His strength:
Surely I will no more give thy corn
To be food for thine enemies;
And strangers shall not drink thy wine,
For which thou hast laboured;
9 But they that have garnered it shall eat it,
And praise the Lord,
And they that have gathered it shall drink it
In the courts of My sanctuary.

10 Go through, go through the gates,

Clear ye the way of the people;
Cast up, cast up the highway,
Gather out the stones;
Lift up an ensign over the peoples.
11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed
Unto the end of the earth:
Say ye to the daughter of Zion:
‘Behold, thy salvation cometh;
Behold, His reward is with Him,
And His recompense before Him.’
12 And they shall call them The holy people,
The redeemed of the LORD;
And thou shalt be called Sought out,
A city not forsaken.

63 ’Who is this that cometh from Edom,
With crimsoned garments from Bozrah?
This that is glorious in his apparel,
Stately in the greatness of his strength?’—
’I that speak in victory, mighty to save.’—
2 ’Wherefore is Thine apparel red,
And Thy garments like his that treadeth in the winevat?’—
3 ’I have trodden the winepress alone,
And of the peoples there was no man with Me;
Yea, I trod them in Mine anger,
And trampled them in My fury;
And their lifeblood is dashed against My garments,
And I have stained all My raiment.
4 For the day of vengeance that was in My heart,
And My year of redemption are come.
5 And I looked, and there was none to help,
And I beheld in astonishment, and there was none to uphold;
Therefore Mine own arm brought salvation unto Me,
And My fury, it upheld Me.
6 And I trod down the peoples in Mine anger,
And made them drunk with My fury,
And I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.’

7 I will make mention of the mercies of the LORD,
And the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us;
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which He hath bestowed on them according to His compassions,
And according to the multitude of His mercies.
8 For He said: ‘Surely, they are My people,
Children that will not deal falsely’;
So He was their Saviour.
9 In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the angel of His presence saved them;
In His love and in His pity He redeemed them;
And He bore them, and carried them all the days of old.

10 But they rebelled, and grieved His holy spirit;
Therefore He was turned to be their enemy,
Himself fought against them.
11 Then His people remembered the days of old, the days of Moses:
'Where is He that brought them up out of the sea
With the shepherds of His flock?
Where is He that put His holy spirit
In the midst of them?
12 That caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses?
That divided the water before them,
To make Himself an everlasting name?
13 That led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness, without stumbling?
14 As the cattle that go down into the valley,
The spirit of the LORD caused them to rest;
So didst Thou lead Thy people,
To make Thyself a glorious name.'

15 Look down from heaven, and see,
Even from Thy holy and glorious habitation;
Where is Thy zeal and Thy mighty acts,
The yearning of Thy heart and Thy compassions,
Now restrained toward me?
16 For Thou art our Father;
For Abraham knoweth us not,
And Israel doth not acknowledge us;
Thou, O LORD, art our Father,
Our Redeemer from everlasting is Thy name.
17 O LORD, why dost Thou make us to err from Thy ways,
And hardenest our heart from Thy fear?
Return for Thy servants' sake,
The tribes of Thine inheritance.
18 Thy holy people they have well nigh driven out,
Our adversaries have trodden down Thy sanctuary.
19 We are become as they over whom Thou never borest rule,
As they that were not called by Thy name.

Oh, that Thou wouldest rend the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down,
That the mountains might quake at Thy presence,

64 As when fire kindleth the brush-wood,
And the fire causeth the waters to boil;
To make Thy name known to Thine adversaries,
That the nations might tremble at Thy presence,
2 When Thou didst tremendous things
Which we looked not for—
Oh that Thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might quake at Thy presence!—
3 And whereof from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear,

Neither hath the eye seen a God
beside Thee,
Who worketh for him that waiteth
for Him.

4Thou didst take away him that
joyfully worked righteousness,
Those that remembered Thee in Thy
ways—
Behold, Thou wast wroth, and we
sinned—
Upon them have we stayed of old,
that we might be saved.
5And we are all become as one that
is unclean,
And all our righteousnesses are as a
polluted garment;
And we all do fade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
take us away.
6And there is none that calleth upon
Thy name,
That stirreth up himself to take hold
of Thee;
For Thou hast hid Thy face from us,
And hast consumed us by means of
our iniquities.

7But now, O Lord, Thou art our
Father;
We are the clay, and Thou our
potter,
And we all are the work of Thy
hand.
8Be not wroth very sore, O Lord,
Neither remember iniquity for ever;
Behold, look, we beseech Thee, we
are all Thy people.
9Thy holy cities are become a
wilderness,
Zion is become a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
10Our holy and our beautiful house,
Where our fathers praised Thee,
Is burned with fire;
And all our pleasant things are laid
waste.
11Wilt Thou refrain Thyself for these
things, O Lord?
Wilt Thou hold Thy peace, and
afflict us very sore?

65 I gave access to them that
asked not for Me,
I was at hand to them that sought
Me not;
I said: 'Behold Me, behold Me',
Unto a nation that was not called
by My name.
2I have spread out My hands all the
day
Unto a rebellious people,
That walk in a way that is not good,
After their own thoughts;
3A people that provoke Me
To My face continually,
That sacrifice in gardens,
And burn incense upon bricks;
4That sit among the graves,
And lodge in the vaults;
That eat swine's flesh,
And broth of abominable things is in
their vessels;
5That say: 'Stand by thyself,
Come not near to me, for I am holier
than thou';
These are a smoke in My nose,
A fire that burneth all the day.

6Behold, it is written before Me;
I will not keep silence, except I have requited,
Yea, I will requite into their bosom,
7Your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together,
Saith the LORD, that have offered upon the mountains,
And blasphemed Me upon the hills;
Therefore will I first measure their wage into their bosom.

8Thus saith the LORD:
As, when wine is found in the cluster,
One saith: 'Destroy it not,
For a blessing is in it';
So will I do for My servants' sakes,
That I may not destroy all.
9And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
And out of Judah an inheritor of My mountains;
And Mine elect shall inherit it,
And My servants shall dwell there.
10And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks,
And the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in,
For My people that have sought Me;
11But ye that forsake the LORD,
That forget My holy mountain,
That prepare a table for Fortune,
And that offer mingled wine in full measure unto Destiny,
12I will destine you to the sword,
And ye shall all bow down to the slaughter;
Because when I called, ye did not answer,
Ehen I spoke, ye did not hear;
But ye did that which was evil in Mine eyes,
And chose that wherein I delighted not.

13Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, My servants shall eat,
But ye shall be hungry;
Behold, My servants shall drink,
But ye shall be thirsty;
Behold, My servants shall rejoice,
But ye shall be ashamed;
14Behold, My servants shall sing
For joy of heart,
But ye shall cry for sorrow of heart,
And shall wail for vexation of spirit.
15And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto Mine elect:
'So may the Lord GOD slay thee';
But He shall call His servants by another name;
16So that he who blesseth himself in the earth
Shall bless himself by the God of truth;
And he that sweareth in the earth
Shall swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles are forgotten,
And because they are hid from Mine eyes.
17For, behold, I create new heavens
And a new earth;
And the former things shall not be remembered,
Nor come into mind.

18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever
In that which I create;
For, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
And the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.
20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man,
That hath not filled his days;
For the youngest shall die a hundred years old,
And the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.
21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
22 They shall not build, and another inhabit,
They shall not plant, and another eat;
For as the days of a tree shall be the days of My people,
And Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labour in vain,
Nor bring forth for terror;
For they are the seed blessed of the LORD,
And their offspring with them.
24 And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer,
And while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
And dust shall be the serpent's food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
Saith the LORD.

66 Thus saith the LORD:
The heaven is My throne,
And the earth is My footstool;
Where is the house that ye may build unto Me?
And where is the place that may be My resting-place?
2 For all these things hath My hand made,
And so all these things came to be,
Saith the LORD;
But on this man will I look,
Even on him that is poor and of a contrite spirit,
And trembleth at My word.
3 He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man;
He that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he broke a dog's neck;
He that offereth a meal-offering, as if he offered swine's blood;
He that maketh a memorial-offering of frankincense, as if he blessed an idol;
According as they have chosen their own ways,
And their soul delighteth in their abominations;
4 Even so I will choose their mockings,

And will bring their fears upon them;
Because when I called, none did answer;
When I spoke, they did not hear,
But they did that which was evil in Mine eyes,
And chose that in which I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the LORD,
Ye that tremble at His word:
Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for My name's sake, have said:
'Let the LORD be glorified,
That we may gaze upon your joy',
But they shall be ashamed.
6 Hark! an uproar from the city,
Hark! it cometh from the temple,
Hark! the LORD rendereth recompense to His enemies.
7 Before she travailed, she brought forth;
Before her pain came,
She was delivered of a man-child.
8 Who hath heard such a thing?
Who hath seen such things?
Is a land born in one day?
Is a nation brought forth at once?
For as soon as Zion travailed,
She brought forth her children.
9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?
Saith the LORD;
Shall I that cause to bring forth shut the womb?
Saith thy God.
10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem,
And be glad with her, all ye that love her;
Rejoice for joy with her,
All ye that mourn for her;
11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied
With the breast of her consolations;
That ye may drink deeply with delight
Of the abundance of her glory.
12 For thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river.
And the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream,
And ye shall suck thereof:
Ye shall be borne upon the side,
And shall be dandled upon the knees.
13 As one whom his mother comforteth,
So will I comfort you;
And ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.
14 And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice,
And your bones shall flourish like young grass;
And the hand of the LORD shall be known toward His servants,
And He will have indignation against His enemies.

15 For, behold, the LORD will come in fire,
And His chariots shall be like the whirlwind;
To render His anger with fury,
And His rebuke with flames of fire.

[16]For by fire will the LORD contend,
And by His sword with all flesh;
And the slain of the LORD shall be
many.
[17]They that sanctify themselves and
purify themselves
To go unto the gardens,
Behind one in the midst,
Eating swine's flesh, and the
detestable thing, and the mouse,
Shall be consumed together, saith
the LORD.

[18]For I [know] their works and their
thoughts; [the time] cometh, that I will
gather all nations and tongues; and
they shall come, and shall see My
glory. [19]And I will work a sign among
them, and I will send such as escape of
them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul
and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal
and Javan, to the isles afar off, that
have not heard My fame, neither have
seen My glory; and they shall declare
My glory among the nations. [20]And
they shall bring all your brethren out
of all the nations for an offering unto
the LORD, upon horses, and in chariots,
and in fitters, and upon mules, and
upon swift beasts, to My holy
mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as
the children of Israel bring their
offering in a clean vessel into the
house of the LORD. [21]And of them also
will I take for the priests and for the
Levites, saith the LORD. [22]For as the
new heavens and the new earth, which
I will make, shall remain before Me,
saith the LORD, so shall your seed and
your name remain.

[23]And it shall come to pass,
That from one new moon to another,
And from one sabbath to another,
Shall all flesh come to worship
before Me,
Saith the LORD.
[24]And they shall go forth, and look
Upon the carcasses of the men that
have rebelled against Me;
For their worm shall not die,
Neither shall their fire be quenched;
And they shall be an abhorring unto
all flesh.

And it shall come to pass,
That from one new moon to another,
And from one sabbath to another,
Shall all flesh come to worship before Me,
Saith the Lord.

# ירמיה
# JEREMIAH

**1** THE WORDS of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, 2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee,
And before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee;
I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I: 'Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child.' 7 But the LORD said unto me:

Say not: I am a child;
For to whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go,
And whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak.
8 Be not afraid of them;
For I am with thee to deliver thee,
Saith the LORD.

9 Then the LORD put forth His hand, and touched my mouth; and the LORD said unto me:

Behold, I have put My words in thy mouth;
10 See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To root out and to pull down,
And to destroy and to overthrow;
To build, and to plant.

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: 'Jeremiah, what seest thou?' And I said: 'I see a rod of an [a]almond-tree.' 12 Then said the LORD unto me: 'Thou hast well seen; for I [b]watch over My word to perform it.'

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying: 'What seest thou?' And I said: 'I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is from the north.' 14 Then the LORD said unto me: 'Out of the north the evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the

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[a] Heb. *shaked*.
[b] Heb. *shoked*

walls thereof round about, and against
all the cities of Judah. [16]And I will
utter My judgments against them
touching all their wickedness; in that
they have forsaken me, and have
offered unto other gods, and
worshipped the work of their own
hands. [17]Thou therefore gird up thy
loins, and arise, and speak unto them
all that I command thee; be not
dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee
before them. [18]For, behold, I have
made thee this day a fortified city, and
an iron pillar, and brazen walls,
against the whole land, against the
kings of Judah, against the princes
thereof, against the priests thereof, and
against the people of the land. [19]And
they shall fight against thee; but they
shall not prevail against thee; For I am
with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver
thee.'

2 And the word of the Lord came to
me, saying: [2]Go, and cry in the
ears of Jerusalem, saying: Thus saith
the Lord:

I remember for thee the affection of thy youth,
The love of thine espousals;
How thou wentest after Me in the wilderness,
In a land that was not sown.
[3]Israel is the Lord'S hallowed portion,
His first-fruits of the increase;
All that devour him shall be held guilty,
Evil shall come upon them, saith the Lord.

[4]Hear ye the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob,
And all the families of the house of Israel;
[5]Thus saith the Lord:
What unrighteousness have your fathers found in Me,
That they are gone far from Me,
And have walked after things of nought, and are become nought?
[6]Neither said they:
'Where is the Lord that brought us up
Out of the land of Egypt;
That led us through the wilderness,
Through a land of deserts and of pits,
Through a land of drought and of the shadow of death,
Through a land that no man passed through,
And where no man dwelt?'
[7]And I brought you into a land of fruitful fields, to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled My land, and made My heritage an abomination.
[8]The priests said not: 'Where is the Lord?'
And they that handle the law knew Me not,
And the rulers transgressed against Me;
The prophets also prophesied by Baal,

And walked after things that do not
profit.
9 Wherefore I will yet plead with
you, saith the Lord,
And with your children's children
will I plead.
10 For pass over to the isles of the
Kittites, and see,
And send unto Kedar, and consider
diligently,
And see if there hath been such a
thing.
11 Hath a nation changed its gods,
Which yet are no gods?
But My people hath changed its
glory
For that which doth not profit.
12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at
this,
And be horribly afraid, be ye
exceeding amazed,
Saith the Lord.
13 For My people have committed
two evils:
They have forsaken Me, the
fountain of living waters,
And hewed them out cisterns,
broken cisterns,
That can hold no water.

14 Is Israel a servant?
Is he a home-born slave?
Why is he become a prey?
15 The young lions have roared upon
him,
And let their voice resound;
And they have made his land
desolate,
His cities are laid waste,
Without inhabitant.
16 The children also of Noph and
Tahpanhes
Feed upon the crown of thy head.
17 Is it not this that doth cause it unto
thee,
That thou hast forsaken the Lord thy
God,
When He led thee by the way?

18 And now what hast thou to do in
the way to Egypt,
To drink the waters of Shihor?
Or what hast thou to do in the way
to Assyria,
To drink the waters of the River?
19 Thine own wickedness shall
correct thee,
And thy backslidings shall reprove
thee:
Know therefore and see that it is an
evil and a bitter thing,
That thou hast forsaken the Lord thy
God,
Neither is My fear in thee,
Saith the Lord God of hosts.

20 For of old time I have broken thy
yoke,
And burst thy bands,
And thou saidst: 'I will not
transgress';
Upon every high hill
And under every leafy tree
Thou didst recline, playing the
harlot.
21 Yet I had planted thee a noble
vine,
Wholly a right seed;

How then art thou turned into the degenerate plant
Of a strange vine unto Me?
22For though thou wash thee with nitre,
And take thee much soap,
Yet thine iniquity is marked before Me,
Saith the Lord GOD.

23How canst thou say: 'I am not defiled,
I have not gone after the Baalim'?
See thy way in the Valley,
Know what thou hast done;
Thou art a swift young camel traversing her ways;
24A wild ass used to the wilderness,
That snuffeth up the wind in her desire;
Her lust, who can hinder it?
All they that seek her will not weary themselves;
In her month they shall find her.
25Withhold thy foot from being unshod,
And thy throat from thirst;
But thou saidst: 'There is no hope;
No, for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.'

26As the thief is ashamed when he is found,
So is the house of Israel ashamed;
They, their kings, their princes,
And their priests, and their prophets;
27Who say to a stock: 'Thou art my father',
And to a stone: 'Thou hast brought us forth',
For they have turned their back unto Me, and not their face;
But in the time of their trouble they will say:
'Arise, and save us.'
28But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee?
Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble;
For according to the number of thy cities
Are thy gods, O Judah.

29Wherefore will ye contend with Me?
Ye all have transgressed against Me,
Saith the LORD.
30In vain have I smitten your children—
They received no correction;
Your sword hath devoured your prophets,
Like a destroying lion.
31O generation, see ye the word of the LORD:
Have I been a wilderness unto Israel?
Or a land of thick darkness?
Wherefore say My people: 'We roam at large;
We will come no more unto Thee'?
32Can a maid forget her ornaments,
Or a bride her attire?
Yet My people have forgotten Me
Days without number.

33How trimmest thou thy way

To seek love!
Therefore—even the wicked women
Hast thou taught thy ways;
34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood
Of the souls of the innocent poor;
Thou didst not find them breaking in;
Yet for all these things
35 Thou saidst: 'I am innocent;
Surely His anger is turned away from me'—
Behold, I will enter into judgment with thee,
Because thou sayest: 'I have not sinned.'

36 How greatly dost thou cheapen thyself
To change thy way?
Thou shalt be ashamed of Egypt also,
As thou wast ashamed of Asshur.
37 From him also shalt thou go forth,
With thy hands upon thy head;
For the LORD hath rejected them in whom thou didst trust,
And thou shalt not prosper in them.

3 . . . saying:
If a man put away his wife,
And she go from him,
And become another man's,
May he return unto her again?
Will not that land be greatly polluted?
But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers;
And wouldest thou yet return to Me?
Saith the LORD.
2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high hills, and see:
Where hast thou not been lain with?
By the ways hast thou sat for them,
As an Arabian in the wilderness;
And thou hast polluted the land
With thy harlotries and with thy wickedness.
3 Therefore the showers have been withheld,
And there hath been no latter rain;
Yet thou hadst a harlot's forehead,
Thou refusedst to be ashamed.
4 Didst thou not just now cry unto Me: 'My father,
Thou art the friend of my youth.
5 Will He bear grudge for ever?
Will He keep it to the end?'
Behold, thou hast spoken, but hast done evil things,
And hast had thy way.

6 And the LORD said unto me in the
days of Josiah the king: 'Hast thou
seen that which backsliding Israel did?
she went up upon every high mountain
and under every leafy tree, and there
played the harlot. 7 And I said: After
she hath done all these things, she will
return unto me; but she returned not.
And her treacherous sister Judah saw
it. 8 And I saw, when, forasmuch as
backsliding Israel had committed
adultery, I had put her away and given
her a bill of divorcement, that yet
treacherous Judah her sister feared not;
but she also went and played the

harlot; 9 and it came to pass through the
lightness of her harlotry, that the land
was polluted, and she committed
adultery with stones and with stocks;
10 and yet for all this her treacherous
sister Judah hath not returned unto Me
with her whole heart, but feignedly,
saith the Lord— 11 even the Lord said
unto me—backsliding Israel hath
proved herself more righteous than
treacherous Judah. 12 Go, and proclaim
these words toward the north, and say:

Return, thou backsliding Israel,
Saith the Lord;
I will not frown upon you;
For I am merciful, saith the Lord,
I will not bear grudge for ever.
13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity,
That thou hast transgressed against
the Lord thy God,
And hast scattered thy ways to the
strangers
Under every leafy tree,
And ye have not hearkened to My
voice,
Saith the Lord.

14 Return, O backsliding children, saith
the Lord; for I am a lord unto you, and
I will take you one of a city, and two
of a family, and I will bring you to
Zion; 15 and I will give you shepherds
according to My heart, who shall feed
you with knowledge and
understanding. 16 And it shall come to
pass, when ye are multiplied and
increased in the land, in those days,
saith the Lord, they shall say no more:
The ark of the covenant of the Lord;
neither shall it come to mind; neither
shall they make mention of it; neither
shall they miss it; neither shall it be
made any more. 17 At that time they
shall call Jerusalem The throne of the
Lord; and all the nations shall be
gathered unto it, to the name of the
Lord, to Jerusalem; neither shall they
walk any more after the stubbornness
of their evil heart. 18 In those days the
house of Judah shall walk with the
house of Israel, and they shall come
together out of the land of the north to
the land that I have given for an
inheritance unto your fathers.'

19 But I said: 'How would I put thee
among the sons,
And give thee a pleasant land,
The goodliest heritage of the
nations! '
And I said: 'Thou shalt call Me, My
father;
And shalt not turn away from
following Me.'
20 Surely as a wife treacherously
departeth from her husband,
So have ye dealt treacherously with
Me, O house of Israel,
Saith the Lord.

21 Hark! upon the high hills is heard
The suppliant weeping of the
children of Israel;
For that they have perverted their
way,
They have forgotten the Lord their
God.

22 Return, ye backsliding children,

I will heal your backslidings.—
'Here we are, we are come unto Thee;
For Thou art the LORD our God.
23 Truly vain have proved the hills,
The uproar on the mountains;
Truly in the LORD our God
Is the salvation of Israel.
24 But the shameful thing hath devoured
The labour of our fathers from our youth;
Their flocks and their herds,
Their sons and their daughters.
25 Let us lie down in our shame,
And let our confusion cover us;
For we have sinned against the LORD our God,
We and our fathers,
From our youth even unto this day;
And we have not hearkened
To the voice of the LORD our God.'

4 If thou wilt return, O Israel,
Saith the LORD,
Yea, return unto Me;
And if thou wilt put away thy detestable things out of My sight,
And wilt not waver;
2And wilt swear: 'As the LORD liveth'
In truth, in justice, and in righteousness;
Then shall the nations bless themselves by Him,
And in Him shall they glory.

3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem:

Break up for you a fallow ground,
And sow not among thorns.
4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,
And take away the foreskins of your heart,
Ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem;
Lest My fury go forth like fire,
And burn that none can quench it,
Because of the evil of your doings.

5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem,
And say: 'Blow ye the horn in the land';
Cry aloud and say:
'Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities.'
6 Set up a standard toward Zion;
Put yourselves under covert, stay not;
For I will bring evil from the north,
And a great destruction.
7 A lion is gone up from his thicket,
And a destroyer of nations
Is set out, gone forth from his place;
To make thy land desolate,
That thy cities be laid waste, without inhabitant.
8 For this gird you with sackcloth,
Lament and wail;
For the fierce anger of the LORD
Is not turned back from us.
9 And it shall come to pass at that day,
Saith the LORD,
That the heart of the king shall fail,
And the heart of the princes;
And the priests shall be astonished,

And the prophets shall wonder.

10Then said I: 'Ah, Lord GOD! surely
Thou hast greatly deceived this people
and Jerusalem, saying: Ye shall have
peace; whereas the sword reacheth
unto the soul.'
11At that time shall it be said of this people and of Jerusalem;
A hot wind of the high hills in the wilderness
Toward the daughter of My people,
Not to fan, nor to cleanse;
12A wind too strong for this shall come for Me;
Now will I also utter judgments against them.
13Behold, he cometh up as clouds,
And his chariots are as the whirlwind;
His horses are swifter than eagles.—
'Woe unto us! for we are undone.'—
14O Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness,
That thou mayest be saved.
How long shall thy baleful thoughts
Lodge within thee?
15For hark! one declareth from Dan,
And announceth calamity from the hills of Ephraim:
16'Make ye mention to the nations:
Behold—publish concerning Jerusalem—
Watchers come from a far country,
And give out their voice against the cities of Judah.'
17As keepers of a field
Are they against her round about;
Because she hath been rebellious against Me,
Saith the LORD.
18Thy way and thy doings have procured
These things unto thee;
This is thy wickedness; yea, it is bitter,
Yea, it reacheth unto thy heart.

19My bowels, my bowels! I writhe in pain!
The chambers of my heart!
My heart moaneth within me!
I cannot hold my peace!
Because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the horn,
The alarm of war.
20Destruction followeth upon destruction,
For the whole land is spoiled;
Suddenly are my tents spoiled,
My curtains in a moment.
21How long shall I see the standard,
Shall I hear the sound of the horn?

22For My people is foolish,
They know Me not;
They are sottish children,
And they have no understanding;
They are wise to do evil,
But to do good they have no knowledge.

23I beheld the earth,
And, lo, it was waste and void;
And the heavens, and they had no light.

24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled,
And all the hills moved to and fro.
25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man,
And all the birds of the heavens were fled.
26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful field was a wilderness,
And all the cities thereof were broken down
At the presence of the LORD,
And before His fierce anger.

27 For thus saith the LORD:
The whole land shall be desolate;
Yet will I not make a full end.
28 For this shall the earth mourn,
And the heavens above be black;
Because I have spoken it, I have purposed it,
And I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it.
29 For the noise of the horsemen and bowmen
The whole city fleeth;
They go into the thickets,
And climb up upon the rocks;
Every city is forsaken,
And not a man dwelleth therein.
30 And thou, that art spoiled, what doest thou,
That thou clothest thyself with scarlet,
That thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold,
That thou enlargest thine eyes with paint?
In vain dost thou make thyself fair;
Thy lovers despise thee, they seek thy life.
31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail,
The anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of Zion, that gaspeth for breath,
That spreadeth her hands:
‘Woe is me, now! for my soul fainteth
Before the murderers.’

5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
And see now, and know,
And seek in the broad places thereof,
If ye can find a man,
If there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh truth;
And I will pardon her.
2 And though they say: ‘As the LORD liveth’,
Surely they swear falsely.
3 O LORD, are not Thine eyes upon truth?
Thou hast stricken them, but they were not affected;
Thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction;
They have made their faces harder than a rock;
They have refused to return.
4 And I said: ‘Surely these are poor,
They are foolish, for they know not the way of the LORD,
Nor the ordinance of their God;

5 I will get me unto the great men,
And will speak unto them;
For they know the way of the Lord,
And the ordinance of their God.'
But these had altogether broken the yoke,
And burst the bands.
6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest doth slay them,
A wolf of the deserts doth spoil them,
A leopard watcheth over their cities,
Every one that goeth out thence is torn in pieces;
Because their transgressions are many,
Their backslidings are increased.

7 Wherefore should I pardon thee?
The children have forsaken Me,
And sworn by no-gods;
And when I had fed them to the full, they committed adultery,
And assembled themselves in troops at the harlots'houses.
8 They are become as well-fed horses, lusty stallions;
Every one neigheth after his neighbour's wife.
9 Shall I not punish for these things?
Saith the Lord;
And shall not My soul be avenged
On such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up into her rows, and destroy,
But make not a full end;
Take away her shoots;
For they are not the Lord'S.
11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously against Me,
Saith the Lord.
12 They have belied the Lord,
And said: 'It is not He,
Neither shall evil come upon us;
Neither shall we see sword nor famine;
13 And the prophets shall become wind,
And the word is not in them;
Thus be it done unto them.'
14 Wherefore thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts:
Because ye speak this word,
Behold, I will make My words in thy mouth fire,
And this people wood, and it shall devour them.
15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far,
O house of Israel, saith the Lord;
It is an enduring nation,
It is an ancient nation,
A nation whose language thou knowest not,
Neither understandest what they say.
16 Their quiver is an open sepulchre,
They are all mighty men.
17 And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy bread,
They shall eat up thy sons and thy daughters,
They shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds,

They shall eat up thy vines and thy
fig-trees;
They shall batter thy fortified cities,
Wherein thou trusteth, with the
sword.
18But even in those days, saith the
Lord,
I will not make a full end with you.
19And it shall come to pass, when ye
shall say: 'Wherefore hath the Lord
our God done all these things unto us?'
then shalt Thou say unto them: 'Like
as ye have forsaken Me, and served
strange gods in your land, so shall ye
serve strangers in a land that is not
yours.'

20Declare ye this in the house of
Jacob,
And announce it in Judah, saying:
21Hear now this, O foolish people,
and without understanding,
That have eyes, and see not,
That have ears, and hear not:
22Fear ye not Me? saith the Lord;
Will ye not tremble at My presence?
Who have placed the sand for the
bound of the sea,
An everlasting ordinance, which it
cannot pass;
And though the waves thereof toss
themselves, yet can they not
prevail;
Though they roar, yet can they not
pass over it.
23But this people hath a revolting
and a rebellious heart;
They are revolted, and gone.
24Neither say they in their heart:
'Let us now fear the Lord our God,
That giveth the former rain, and the
latter in due season;
That keepeth for us
The appointed weeks of the
harvest.'
25Your iniquities have turned away
these things,
And your sins have withholden
good from you.
26For among My people are found
wicked men;
They pry, as fowlers lie in wait;
They set a trap, they catch men.
27As a cage is full of birds,
So are their houses full of deceit;
Therefore they are become great,
and waxen rich;
28They are waxen fat, they are
become sleek;
Yea, they overpass in deeds of
wickedness;
They plead not the cause, the cause
of the fatherless,
That they might make it to prosper;
And the right of the needy do they
not judge.
29Shall I not punish for these things?
Saith the Lord;
Shall not My soul be avenged
On such a nation as this?

30An appalling and horrible thing
Is come to pass in the land:
31The prophets prophesy in the
service of falsehood,
And the priests bear rule at their
beck;
And My people love to have it so;

What then will ye do in the end
thereof?

6 Put yourselves under covert, ye
children of Benjamin,
Away from the midst of Jerusalem,
And blow the horn in Tekoa,
And set up a signal on Beth-cherem;
For evil looketh forth from the
north,
And a great destruction.
2 The comely and delicate one,
The daughter of Zion, will I cut off.
3 Shepherds with their flocks come
unto her;
They pitch their tents against her
round about;
They feed bare every one what is
nigh at hand.
4 'Prepare ye war against her;
Arise, and let us go up at noon! '
'Woe unto us! for the day declineth,
For the shadows of the evening are
stretched out! '
5 'Arise, and let us go up by night,
And let us destroy her palaces.'

6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts
said:
Hew ye down her trees,
And cast up a mound against
Jerusalem;
This is the city to be punished;
Everywhere there is oppression in
the midst of her.
7 As a cistern welleth with her
waters,
So she welleth with her wickedness;
Violence and spoil is heard in her;
Before Me continually is sickness
and wounds.
8 Be thou corrected, O Jerusalem,
Lest My soul be alienated from thee,
Lest I make thee desolate,
A land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
They shall thoroughly glean as a
vine
The remnant of Israel;
Turn again thy hand
As a grape-gatherer upon the shoots.
10 To whom shall I speak and give
warning,
That they may hear?
Behold, their ear is dull,
And they cannot attend;
Behold, the word of the LORD is
become unto them a reproach,
They have no delight in it.
11 Therefore I am full of the fury of
the LORD,
I am weary with holding in:
Pour it out upon the babes in the
street,
And upon the assembly of young
men together;
For even the husband with the wife
shall be taken,
The aged with him that is full of
days.
12 And their houses shall be turned
unto others,
Their fields and their wives
together;
For I will stretch out My hand upon
the inhabitants of the land,
Saith the LORD.

[13]For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them
Every one is greedy for gain;
And from the prophet even unto the priest
Every one dealeth falsely.
[14]They have healed also the hurt of My people lightly,
Saying: 'Peace, peace', when there is no peace.
[15]They shall be put to shame because they have committed abomination;
Yea, they are not at all ashamed,
Neither know they how to blush;
Therefore they shall fall among them that fall,
At the time that I punish them they shall stumble,
Saith the Lord.

[16]Thus saith the Lord:
Stand ye in the ways and see,
And ask for the old paths,
Where is the good way, and walk therein,
And ye shall find rest for your souls.
But they said: 'We will not walk therein.'
[17]And I set watchmen over you:
'Attend to the sound of the horn',
But they said: 'We will not attend.'
[18]Therefore hear, ye nations,
And know, O congregation, what is against them.
[19]Hear, O earth:
Behold, I will bring evil upon this people,
Even the fruit of their thoughts,
Because they have not attended unto My words,
And as for My teaching, they have rejected it.
[20]To what purpose is to Me the frankincense that cometh from Sheba,
And the sweet cane, from a far country?
Your burnt-offerings are not acceptable,
Nor your sacrifices pleasing unto Me.
[21]Therefore thus saith the Lord:
Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people,
And the fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them,
The neighbour and his friend, and they shall perish.

[22]Thus saith the Lord:
Behold, a people cometh from the north country,
And a great nation shall be roused from the uttermost parts of the earth.
[23]They lay hold on bow and spear,
They are cruel, and have no compassion;
Their voice is like the roaring sea,
And they ride upon horses;
Set in array, as a man for war,
Against thee, O daughter of Zion.

[24]'We have heard the fame thereof, our hands wax feeble,

Anguish hath taken hold of us,
And pain, as of a woman in travail.’
25 Go not forth into the field,
Nor walk by the way;
For there is the sword of the enemy,
And terror on every side.
26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth,
And wallow thyself in ashes;
Make thee mourning, as for an only son,
Most bitter lamentation;
For the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have made thee a tower and a fortress among My people;
That thou mayest know and try their way.
28 They are all grievous revolters,
Going about with slanders;
They are brass and iron;
They all of them deal corruptly.
29 The bellows blow fiercely,
The lead is consumed of the fire;
In vain doth the founder refine,
For the wicked are not separated.
30 Refuse silver shall men call them,
Because the LORD hath rejected them.

**7** The word that came to Jeremiah
from the LORD, saying: 2 Stand in
the gate of the LORD’S house, and
proclaim there this word, and say:
Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of
Judah, that enter in at these gates to
worship the LORD. 3 Thus saith the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel:

Amend your ways and your doings,
and I will cause you to dwell in this
place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words,
saying: ‘The temple of the LORD, the
temple of the LORD, the temple of the
LORD, are these.’ 5 Nay, but if ye
thoroughly amend your ways and your
doings; if ye thoroughly execute
justice between a man and his
neighbour; 6 if ye oppress not the
stranger, the fatherless, and the widow,
and shed not innocent blood in this
place, neither walk after other gods to
your hurt; 7 then will I cause you to
dwell in this place, in the land that I
gave to your fathers, for ever and ever.
8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that
cannot profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder,
and commit adultery, and swear
falsely, and offer unto Baal, and walk
after other gods whom ye have not
known, 10 and come and stand before
Me in this house, whereupon My name
is called, and say: ‘We are delivered’,
that ye may do all these abominations?
11 Is this house, whereupon My name is
called, become a den of robbers in
your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen
it, saith the LORD. 12 For go ye now unto
My place which was in Shiloh, where I
caused My name to dwell at the first,
and see what I did to it for the
wickedness of My people Israel. 13 And
now, because ye have done all these
works, saith the LORD, and I spoke
unto you, speaking betimes and often,
but ye heard not, and I called you, but
ye answered not; 14 therefore will I do
unto the house, whereupon My name

is called, wherein ye trust, and unto the
place which I gave to you and to your
fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.
[15]And I will cast you out of My sight,
as I have cast out all your brethren,
even the whole seed of Ephraim.

[16]Therefore pray not thou for this
people, neither lift up cry nor prayer
for them, neither make intercession to
Me; for I will not hear thee. [17]Seest
thou not what they do in the cities of
Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?
[18]The children gather wood, and the
fathers kindle the fire, and the women
knead the dough, to make cakes to the
queen of heaven, and to pour out
drink-offerings unto other gods, that
they may provoke Me. [19]Do they
provoke Me? saith the LORD; do they
not provoke themselves, to the
confusion of their own faces?
[20]Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, Mine anger and My fury shall
be poured out upon this place, upon
man, and upon beast, and upon the
trees of the field, and upon the fruit of
the land; and it shall burn, and shall
not be quenched.

[21]Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: Add your burnt-
offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat
ye flesh. [22]For I spoke not unto your
fathers, nor commanded them in the
day that I brought them out of the land
of Egypt, concerning burnt-offerings
or sacrifices; [23]but this thing I
commanded them, saying: 'Hearken
unto My voice, and I will be your God,
and ye shall be My people; and walk
ye in all the way that I command you,
that it may be well with you.' [24]But
they hearkened not, nor inclined their
ear, but walked in their own counsels,
even in the stubbornness of their evil
heart, and went backward and not
forward, [25]even since the day that your
fathers came forth out of the land of
Egypt unto this day; and though I have
sent unto you all My servants the
prophets, sending them daily betimes
and often, [26]yet they hearkened not
unto Me, nor inclined their ear, but
made their neck stiff; they did worse
than their fathers.

[27]And thou shalt speak all these
words unto them, but they will not
hearken to thee; thou shalt also call
unto them, but they will not answer
thee. [28]Therefore thou shalt say unto
them:

This is the nation that hath not
hearkened
To the voice of the LORD their God,
Nor received correction;
Faithfulness is perished,
And is cut off from their mouth.

[29]Cut off thy hair, and cast it away,
And take up a lamentation on the
high hills;
For the LORD hath rejected and
forsaken the generation of His
wrath.

[30]For the children of Judah have done
that which is evil in My sight, saith the
LORD; they have set their detestable
things in the house whereon My name
is called, to defile it. [31]And they have

built the high places of Topheth, which
is in the valley of the son of Hinnom,
to burn their sons and their daughters
in the fire; which I commanded not,
neither came it into My mind.
32 Therefore, behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that it shall no more be
called Topheth, nor The valley of the
son of Hinnom, but The valley of
slaughter; for they shall bury in
Topheth, for lack of room. 33 And the
carcasses of this people shall be food
for the fowls of the heaven, and for the
beasts of the earth; and none shall
frighten them away. 34 Then will I
cause to cease from the cities of Judah,
and from the streets of Jerusalem, the
voice of mirth and the voice of
gladness, the voice of the bridegroom
and the voice of the bride; for the land
shall be desolate.

# 8

1 At that time,
saith the LORD, they shall bring
out the bones of the kings of Judah,
and the bones of his princes, and the
bones of the priests, and the bones of
the prophets, and the bones of the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their
graves; 2 and they shall spread them
before the sun, and the moon, and all
the host of heaven, whom they have
loved, and whom they have served,
and after whom they have walked, and
whom they have sought, and whom
they have worshipped; they shall not
be gathered, nor be buried, they shall
be for dung upon the face of the earth.
3 And death shall be chosen rather than
life by all the residue that remain of
this evil family, that remain in all the
places whither I have driven them,
saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them:
Thus saith the LORD:

Do men fall, and not rise up again?
Doth one turn away, and not return?
5 Why then is this people of
  Jerusalem slidden back
By a perpetual backsliding?
They hold fast deceit,
They refuse to return.
6 I attended and listened,
But they spoke not aright;
No man repenteth him of his
  wickedness,
Saying: ‘What have I done?’
Every one turneth away in his
  course,
As a horse that rusheth headlong in
  the battle.
7 Yea, the stork in the heaven
Knoweth her appointed times;
And the turtle and the swallow and
  the crane
Observe the time of their coming;
But My people know not
The ordinance of the LORD.
8 How do ye say: ‘We are wise,
And the Law of the LORD is with
  us’?
Lo, certainly in vain hath wrought
The vain pen of the scribes.
9 The wise men are ashamed,
They are dismayed and taken;
Lo, they have rejected the word of
  the LORD;
And what wisdom is in them?

10Therefore will I give their wives
unto others,
And their fields to them that shall
possess them;
For from the least even unto the
greatest
Every one is greedy for gain,
From the prophet even unto the
priest
Every one dealeth falsely.
11And they have healed the hurt of
the daughter of My people lightly,
Saying: ‘Peace, peace’, when there
is no peace.
12They shall be put to shame
because they have committed
abomination;
Yea, they are not at all ashamed,
Neither know they how to blush;
therefore shall they fall among
them that fall,
In the time of their visitation they
shall stumble,
Saith the LORD.

13I will utterly consume them, saith
the LORD;
There are no grapes on the vine,
Nor figs on the fig-tree,
And the leaf is faded;
And I gave them that which they
transgress.
14’Why do we sit still?
Assemble yourselves, and let us
enter into the fortified cities,
And let us be cut off there;
For the LORD our God hath cut us
off,
And given us water of gall to drink,
Because we have sinned against the
LORD.
15We looked for peace, but no good
came;
And for a time of healing, and
behold terror! ’
16The snorting of his horses is heard
from Dan;
At the sound of the neighing of his
strong ones
The whole land trembleth;
For they are come, and have
devoured the land and all that is
in it,
The city and those that dwell
therein.
17For, behold, I will send serpents,
basilisks, among you,
Which will not be charmed;
And they shall bite you, saith the
LORD.

18Though I would take comfort
against sorrow,
My heart is faint within me.
19Behold the voice of the cry of the
daughter of my people
From a land far off:
‘Is not the LORD in Zion?
Is not her King in her?’—
‘Why have they provoked Me with
their graven images,
And with strange vanities?’—
20’The harvest is past, the summer is
ended,
And we are not saved.’
21For the hurt of the daughter of my
people am I seized with anguish;

I am black, appalment hath taken hold on me.
22 Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?
Why then is not the health
Of the daughter of my people recovered?
23 Oh that my head were waters,
And mine eyes a fountain of tears,
That I might weep day and night
For the slain of the daughter of my people!

9 Oh that I were in the wilderness,
In a lodging-place of wayfaring men,
That I might leave my people,
And go from them!
For they are all adulterers,
An assembly of treacherous men.
2 And they bend their tongue, their bow of falsehood;
And they are grown mighty in the land, but not for truth;
For they proceed from evil to evil,
And Me they know not,
Saith the LORD.
3 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour,
And trust ye not in any brother;
For every brother acteth subtly,
And every neighbour goeth about with slanders.
4 And they deceive every one his neighbour,
And truth they speak not;
They have taught their tongue to speak lies,
They weary themselves to commit iniquity.
5 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit;
Through deceit they refuse to know Me,
Saith the LORD.

6Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts:
Behold, I will smelt them, and try them;
For how else should I do,
Because of the daughter of My people?
7 Their tongue is a sharpened arrow,
It speaketh deceit;
One speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth,
But in his heart he layeth wait for him.
8 Shall I not punish them for these things?
Saith the LORD;
Shall not My soul be avenged
On such a nation as this?
9 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing,
And for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation,
Because they are burned up, so that none passeth through.
And they hear not the voice of the cattle;
Both the fowl of the heavens and the beast
Are fled, and gone.
10 And I will make Jerusalem heaps,
A lair of jackals;

And I will make the cities of Judah a desolation,
Without an inhabitant.

[11]Who is the wise man, that he may understand this?
And who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it?
Wherefore is the land perished
And laid waste like a wilderness, so that none passeth through?
[12] And the LORD saith:
Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them,
And have not hearkened to My voice, neither walked therein;
[13] But have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart,
And after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them.
[14]Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood,
And give them water of gall to drink.
[15]I will scatter them also among the nations,
Whom neither they nor their fathers have known;
And I will send the sword after them,
Till I have consumed them.

[16]Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come;
And send for the wise women, that they may come;
[17]let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us,
That our eyes may run down with tears,
And our eyelids gush out with waters.
[18]For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion:
'How are we undone!
We are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land,
Because our dwellings have cast us out.'
[19]Yea, hear the word of the LORD, O ye women,
And let your ear receive the word of His mouth,
And teach your daughters wailing,
And every one her neighbour lamentation:
[20]'For death is come up into our windows,
It is entered into our palaces,
To cut off the children from the street,
And the young men from the broad places.—
[21]Speak: Thus saith the LORD—
And the carcasses of men fall
As dung upon the open field,
And as the handful after the harvestman,
Which none gathereth.'

[22]Thus saith the LORD:
Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,

Neither let the mighty man glory in his might,
Let not the rich man glory in his riches;
23 But let him that glorieth glory in this,
That he understandeth, and knoweth Me,
That I am the LORD who exercise mercy,
Justice, and righteousness, in the earth;
For in these things I delight,
Saith the LORD.

24 Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will punish all them that
are circumcised in their
uncircumcision: 25 Egypt, and Judah,
and Edom, and the children of
Ammon, and Moab, and all that have
the corners of their hair polled, that
dwell in the wilderness;
For all the nations are uncircumcised,
But all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

10 Hear ye the word which the
LORD speaketh unto you, O
house of Israel; 2 thus saith the LORD:
Learn not the way of the nations,
And be not dismayed at the signs of heaven;
For the nations are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the peoples are vanity;
For it is but a tree which one cutteth out of the forest,
The work of the hands of the workman with the axe.
4 They deck it with silver and with gold,
They fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.
5 They are like a pillar in a garden of cucumbers, and speak not;
They must needs be borne, because they cannot go.
Be not afraid of them, for they cannot do evil,
Neither is it in them to do good.

6 There is none like unto Thee, O LORD;
Thou art great, and Thy name is great in might.
7 Who would not fear Thee, O king of the nations?
For it befitteth Thee;
Forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royalty,
There is none like unto Thee.
8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish:
The vanities by which they are instructed are but a stock;
9 Silver beaten into plates which is brought from Tarshish,
And gold from Uphaz,
The work of the craftsman and of the hands of the goldsmith;
Blue and purple is their clothing;
They are all the work of skilful men.
10 But the LORD God is the true God,

He is the living God, and the everlasting King;
At His wrath the earth trembleth,
And the nations are not able to abide His indignation.

11 Thus shall ye say unto them: 'The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.'

12 He that hath made the earth by His power,
That hath established the world by His wisdom,
And hath stretched out the heavens by His understanding;
13 At the sound of His giving a multitude of waters in the heavens,
When He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;
When He maketh lightnings with the rain,
And bringeth forth the wind out of His treasuries;
14 Every man is proved to be brutish, without knowledge,
Every goldsmith is put to shame by the graven image,
His molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
15 They are vanity, a work of delusion;
In the time of their visitation they shall perish.
16 Not like these is the portion of Jacob;
For He is the former of all things,
And Israel is the tribe of His inheritance;
The Lord of hosts is His name.

17 Gather up thy wares from the ground,
O thou that abidest in the siege.
18 For thus saith the Lord: Behold, I
will sling out the inhabitants of the
land at this time, and will distress
them, that they may feel it.

19 Woe is me for my hurt!
My wound is grievous;
But I said: 'This is but a sickness,
And I must bear it.'
20 My tent is spoiled,
And all my cords are broken;
My children are gone forth of me, and they are not;
There is none to stretch forth my tent any more,
And to set up my curtains.
21 For the shepherds are become brutish,
And have not inquired of the Lord;
Therefore they have not prospered,
And all their flocks are scattered.
22 Hark! a report, behold, it cometh,
And a great commotion out of the north country,
To make the cities of Judah desolate,
A dwelling-place of jackals.
23 O Lord, I know that man's way is not his own;
It is not in man to direct his steps as he walketh.

24O Lord, correct me, but in
measure;
Not in Thine anger, lest Thou
diminish me.
25Pour out Thy wrath upon the
nations that know Thee not,
And upon the families that call not
on Thy name;
For they have devoured Jacob,
Yea, they have devoured him and
consumed him,
And have laid waste his habitation.

11 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the Lord,
saying: 2’Hear ye the words of this
covenant, and speak unto the men of
Judah, and to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem; 3and say thou unto them:
Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel:
Cursed be the man that heareth not the
words of this covenant, 4which I
commanded your fathers in the day
that I brought them forth out of the
land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace,
saying: Hearken to My voice, and do
them, according to all which I
command you; so shall ye be My
people, and I will be your God; 5that I
may establish the oath which I swore
unto your fathers, to give them a land
flowing with milk and honey, as at this
day.’ Then answered I, and said:
‘Amen, O Lord.’
6And the Lord said unto me:
‘Proclaim all these words in the cities
of Judah, and in the streets of
Jerusalem, saying: Hear ye the words
of this covenant, and do them. 7For I
earnestly forewarned your fathers in
the day that I brought them up out of
the land of Egypt, even unto this day,
forewarning betimes and often, saying:
Hearken to My voice. 8Yet they
hearkened not, nor inclined their ear,
but walked every one in the
stubbornness of their evil heart;
therefore I brought upon them all the
words of this covenant, which I
commanded them to do, but they did
them not.’
9And the Lord said unto me: ‘A
conspiracy is found among the men of
Judah, and among the inhabitants of
Jerusalem. 10They are turned back to
the iniquities of their forefathers, who
refused to hear My words; and they are
gone after other gods to serve them;
the house of Israel and the house of
Judah have broken My covenant which
I made with their fathers. 11Therefore
thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will
bring evil upon them, which they shall
not be able to escape; and though they
shall cry unto Me, I will not hearken
unto them. 12Then shall the cities of
Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem
go and cry unto the gods unto whom
they offer; but they shall not save them
at all in the time of their trouble. 13For
according to the number of thy cities
are thy gods, O Judah; and according
to the number of the streets of
Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the
shameful thing, even altars to offer
unto Baal. 14Therefore pray not thou
for this people, neither lift up cry nor
prayer for them; for I will not hear

them in the time that they cry unto Me for their trouble.'

[15]What hath My beloved to do in My house,
Seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many,
And the hallowed flesh is passed from thee?
When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.
[16]The LORD called thy name
A leafy olive-tree, fair with goodly fruit;
With the noise of a great tumult
He hath kindled fire upon it,
And the branches of it are broken.

[17]For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have wrought for themselves in provoking Me by offering unto Baal.

[18]And the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it;
Then Thou showedst me their doings.
[19]But I was like a docile lamb that is led to the slaughter;
And I knew not that they had devised devices against me:
'Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof,
And let us cut him off from the land of the living,
That his name may be no more remembered.'
[20]But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously,
That triest the reins and the heart,
Let me see Thy vengeance on them;
For unto Thee have I revealed my cause.

[21]Therefore thus saith the LORD
concerning the men of Anathoth, that
seek thy life, saying: 'Thou shalt not
prophesy in the name of the LORD, that
thou die not by our hand'; [22]therefore
thus saith the LORD of hosts:

Behold, I will punish them;
The young men shall die by the sword,
Their sons and their daughters shall die by famine;
[23]And there shall be no remnant unto them;
For I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth,
Even the year of their visitation.

## 12

Right wouldest Thou be, O LORD,
Were I to contend with Thee,
Yet will I reason with Thee:
Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper?
Wherefore are all they secure that deal very treacherously?
[2]Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root;
They grow, yea, they bring forth fruit;
Thou art near in their mouth,
And far from their reins.
[3]But Thou, O LORD, knowest me,

Thou seest me, and triest my heart
toward Thee;
Pull them out like sheep for the
slaughter,
And prepare them for the day of
slaughter.

4How long shall the land mourn,
And the herbs of the whole field
wither?
For the wickedness of them that
dwell therein, the beasts are
consumed, and the birds;
Because they said: 'He seeth not our
end.'

5'If thou hast run with the footmen,
and they have wearied thee,
Then how canst thou contend with
horses?
And though in a land of peace thou
art secure,
Yet how wilt thou do in the thickets
of the Jordan?
6For even thy brethren, and the
house of thy father,
Even they have dealt treacherously
with thee,
Even they have cried aloud after
thee;
Believe them not, though they speak
fair words unto thee.'

7I have forsaken My house,
I have cast off My heritage;
I have given the dearly beloved of
My soul
Into the hand of her enemies.
8My heritage is become unto Me
As a lion in the forest;
She hath uttered her voice against
Me;
Therefore have I hated her.
9Is My heritage unto Me as a
speckled bird of prey?
Are the birds of prey against her
round about?
Come ye, assemble all the beasts of
the field,
Bring them to devour.
10Many shepherds have destroyed
My vineyard,
They have trodden My portion
under foot,
They have made My pleasant
portion
A desolate wilderness.
11They have made it a desolation,
It mourneth unto Me, being
desolate;
The whole land is made desolate,
Because no man layeth it to heart.
12Upon all the high hills in the
wilderness spoilers are come;
For the sword of the Lord devoureth
From the one end of the land even to
the other end of the land,
No flesh hath peace.
13They have sown wheat, and have
reaped thorns;
They have put themselves to pain,
they profit not;
Be ye then ashamed of your
increase,
Because of the fierce anger of the
Lord.

[14]Thus saith the LORD: As for all
Mine evil neighbours, that touch the
inheritance which I have caused My
people Israel to inherit, behold, I will
pluck them up from off their land, and
will pluck up the house of Judah from
among them. [15]And it shall come to
pass, after that I have plucked them up,
I will again have compassion on them;
and I will bring them back, every man
to his heritage, and every man to his
land. [16]And it shall come to pass, if
they will diligently learn the ways of
My people to swear by My name: ‘As
the LORD liveth, ‘even as they taught
My people to swear by Baal; then shall
they be built up in the midst of My
people. [17]But if they will not hearken,
then will I pluck up that nation,
plucking up and destroying it, saith the
LORD.

13 Thus said the LORD unto me:
‘Go, and get thee a linen
girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and
put it not in water.’ [2]So I got a girdle
according to the word of the LORD, and
put it upon my loins.

[3]And the word of the LORD came
unto me the second time, saying:
[4]’Take the girdle that thou hast gotten,
which is upon thy loins, and arise, go
to Perath, and hide it there in a cleft of
the rock.’ [5]So I went, and hid it in
Perath, as the LORD commanded me.
[6]And it came to pass after many days,
that the LORD said unto me: ‘Arise, go
to Perath, and take the girdle from
thence, which I commanded thee to
hide there.’ [7]Then I went to Perath,
and digged, and took the girdle from
the place where I had hid it; and,
behold, the girdle was marred, it was
profitable for nothing.

[8]Then the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying:

[9]Thus saith the LORD: After this
manner will I mar the pride of Judah,
and the great pride of Jerusalem,
[10]even this evil people, that refuse to
hear My words, that walk in the
stubbornness of their heart, and are
gone after other gods to serve them,
and to worship them, that it be as this
girdle, which is profitable for nothing.
[11]For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins
of a man, so have I caused to cleave
unto Me the whole house of Israel and
the whole house of Judah, saith the
LORD, that they might be unto Me for a
people, and for a name, and for a
praise, and for a glory; but they would
not hearken.

[12]Moreover thou shalt speak unto
them this word: Thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel: ‘Every bottle is
filled with wine’; and when they shall
say unto thee: ‘Do we not know that
every bottle is filled with wine?’
[13]Then shalt thou say unto them: Thus
saith the LORD: Behold, I will fill all
the inhabitants of this land, even the
kings that sit upon David’s throne, and
the priests, and the prophets, and all
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with
drunkenness. [14]And I will dash them
one against another, even the fathers
and the sons together, saith the LORD; I

will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.

15Hear ye, and give ear, be not proud;
For the Lord hath spoken.
16Give glory to the Lord your God,
Before it grow dark,
And before your feet stumble
Upon the mountains of twilight,
And, while ye look for light,
He turn it into the shadow of death,
And make it gross darkness.
17But if ye will not hear it,
My soul shall weep in secret for your pride;
And mine eyes shall weep sore, and run down with tears,
Because the Lord'S flock is carried away captive.

18Say thou unto the king and to the queen-mother:
'Sit ye down low;
For your headtires are come down,
Even your beautiful crown.'
19The cities of the South are shut up,
And there is none to open them;
Judah is carried away captive all of it;
It is wholly carried away captive.

20Lift up your eyes, and behold
Them that come from the north;
Where is the flock that was given thee,
Thy beautiful flock?
21What wilt thou say, when He shall set the friends over thee as head,
Whom thou thyself hast trained against thee?
Shall not pangs take hold of thee,
As of a woman in travail?
22And if thou say in thy heart:
'Wherefore are these things befallen me?'—
For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered,
And thy heels suffer violence.
23Can the Ethiopian change his skin,
Or the leopard his spots?
Then may ye also do good,
That are accustomed to do evil.
24Therefore will I scatter them, as the stubble that passeth away
By the wind of the wilderness.
25This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee from Me,
Saith the Lord;
Because thou hast forgotten Me,
And trusted in falsehood.
26Therefore will I also uncover thy skirts upon thy face,
And thy shame shall appear.
27Thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy harlotry,
On the hills in the field have I seen thy detestable acts.
Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean!
When shall it ever be?

14 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the droughts.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates
thereof languish,
They bow down in black unto the
ground;
And the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.
3 And their nobles send their lads for
water:
They come to the pits, and find no
water;
Their vessels return empty;
They are ashamed and confounded,
and cover their heads.
4 Because of the ground which is
cracked,
For there hath been no rain in the
land,
The plowmen are ashamed, they
cover their heads.
5 Yea, the hind also in the field
calveth, and forsaketh her young,
Because there is no grass,
6 And the wild asses stand on the
high hills,
They gasp for air like jackals;
Their eyes fail, because there is no
herbage.
7 Though our iniquities testify
against us,
O LORD, work Thou for Thy name's
sake;
For our backslidings are many,
We have sinned against Thee.
8 O Thou hope of Israel,
The Saviour thereof in time of
trouble,
Why shouldest Thou be as a
stranger in the land,
And as a wayfaring man that turneth
aside to tarry for a night?
9 Why shouldest thou be as a man
overcome,
As a mighty man that cannot save?
Yet Thou, O LORD, art in the midst
of us,
And Thy name is called upon us;
Leave us not.

10 Thus saith the LORD unto this
people:
Even so have they loved to wander,
They have not refrained their feet;
Therefore the LORD doth not accept
them,
Now will He remember their
iniquity,
And punish their sins.
11 And the LORD said unto me: 'Pray
not for this people for their good.
12 When they fast, I will not hear their
cry; and when they offer burnt-
offering and meal-offering, I will not
accept them; but I will consume them
by the sword, and by the famine, and
by the pestilence.' 13 Then said I: 'Ah,
Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say
unto them: Ye shall not see the sword,
neither shall ye have famine; but I will
give you assured peace in this place.'
14 Then the LORD said unto me: 'The
prophets prophesy lies in My name; I
sent them not, neither have I
commanded them, neither spoke I unto
them; they prophesy unto you a lying
vision, and divination, and a thing of
nought, and the deceit of their own
heart. 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD:
As for the prophets that prophesy in
My name, and I sent them not, yet they

say: Sword and famine shall not be in
this land, by sword and famine shall
those prophets be consumed; 16 and the
people to whom they prophesy shall be
cast out in the streets of Jerusalem
because of the famine and the sword;
and they shall have none to bury them,
them, their wives, nor their sons, nor
their daughters; for I will pour their
evil upon them.'

17 And thou shalt say this word unto
them:

Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day,
And let them not cease;
For the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach,
With a very grievous blow.
18 If I go forth into the field,
Then behold the slain with the sword!
And if I enter into the city,
Then behold them that are sick with famine!
For both the prophet and the priest are gone about to a land, and knew it not.

19 Hast Thou utterly rejected Judah?
Hath Thy soul loathed Zion?
Why hast Thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?
We looked for peace, but no good came;
And for a time of healing, and behold terror!
20 We acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness,
Even the iniquity of our fathers;
For we have sinned against Thee.
21 Do not contemn us, for Thy name's sake,
Do not dishonour the throne of Thy glory;
Remember, break not Thy covenant with us.
22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Art not Thou He, O Lord our God, and do we not wait for Thee?
For Thou hast made all these things.

15 Then said the Lord unto me:
'Though Moses and Samuel
stood before Me, yet My mind could
not be toward this people; cast them
out of My sight, and let them go forth.
2 And it shall come to pass, when they
say unto thee: Whither shall we go
forth? then thou shall tell them: Thus
saith the Lord: Such as are for death,
to death; and such as are for the sword,
to the sword; and such as are for the
famine, to the famine; and such as are
for captivity, to captivity. 3 And I will
appoint over them four kinds, saith the
Lord: the sword to slay, and the dogs
to drag, and the fowls of the heaven,
and the beasts of the earth, to devour
and to destroy. 4 And I will cause them
to be a horror among all the kingdoms
of the earth, because of Manasseh the
son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that
which he did in Jerusalem.

5 For who shall have pity upon thee,
O Jerusalem?
Or who shall bemoan thee?
Or who shall turn aside to ask of thy
welfare?
6 Thou hast cast Me off, saith the
LORD,
Thou art gone backward;
Therefore do I stretch out My hand
against thee, and destroy thee;
I am weary with repenting.
7 And I fan them with a fan in the
gates of the land;
I bereave them of children, I destroy
My people,
Since they return not from their
ways.
8 Their widows are increased to Me
above the sand of the seas;
I bring upon them, against the
mother, a chosen one,
Even a spoiler at noonday;
I cause anguish and terrors to fall
upon her suddenly.
9 She that hath borne seven
languisheth;
Her spirit droopeth;
Her sun is gone down while it was
yet day,
She is ashamed and confounded;
And the residue of them will I
deliver to the sword before their
enemies,
Saith the LORD.'

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou
hast borne me
A man of strife and a man of
contention to the whole earth!
I have not lent, neither have men
lent to me;
Yet every one of them doth curse
me.
11 The LORD said: 'Verily I will release
thee for good; verily I will cause the
enemy to make supplication unto thee
in the time of evil and in the time of
affliction. 12 Can iron break iron from
the north and brass? 13 Thy substance
and thy treasures will I give for a spoil
without price, and that for all thy sins,
even in all thy borders. 14 And I will
make thee to pass with thine enemies
into a land which thou knowest not;
for a fire is kindled in My nostril,
which shall burn upon you.'

15 Thou, O LORD, knowest;
Remember me, and think of me, and
avenge me of my persecutors;
Take me not away because of Thy
long-suffering;
Know that for Thy sake I have
suffered taunts.
16 Thy words were found, and I did
eat them;
And Thy words were unto me a joy
and the rejoicing of my heart;
Because Thy name was called on
me, O LORD God of hosts.
17 I sat not in the assembly of them
that make merry, nor rejoiced;
I sat alone because of Thy hand;
For Thou hast filled me with
indignation.
18 Why is my pain perpetual,
And my wound incurable, so that it
refuseth to be healed?

Wilt Thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful brook,
As waters that fail?

[19]Therefore thus saith the LORD:
If thou return, and I bring thee back,
Thou shalt stand before Me;
And if thou bring forth the precious out of the vile,
Thou shalt be as My mouth;
Let them return unto thee,
But thou shalt not return unto them.
[20]And I will make thee unto this people a fortified brazen wall;
And they shall fight against thee,
But they shall not prevail against thee;
For I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee,
Saith the LORD.
[21]And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked,
And I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

16 The word of the LORD came also unto me, saying:
2Thou shalt not take thee a wife,
Neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.
[3]For thus saith the LORD concerning the
sons and concerning the daughters that
are born in this place, and concerning
their mothers that bore them, and
concerning their fathers that begot
them in this land:
[4]They shall die of grievous deaths;
They shall not be lamented,
Neither shall they be buried,
They shall be as dung upon the face of the ground;
And they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine;
And their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven,
And for the beasts of the earth.
[5]For thus saith the LORD: Enter not into
the house of mourning, neither go to
lament, neither bemoan them; for I
have taken away My peace from this
people, saith the LORD, even mercy and
compassion. [6]Both the great and the
small shall die in this land; they shall
not be buried; neither shall men lament
for them, nor cut themselves, nor make
themselves bald for them; [7]neither
shall men break bread for them in
mourning, to comfort them for the
dead; neither shall men give them the
cup of consolation to drink for their
father or for their mother. [8]And thou
shalt not go into the house of feasting
to sit with them, to eat and to drink.
[9]For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel:
Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place,
Before your eyes and in your days,
The voice of mirth and the voice of gladness,
The voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.
[10]And it shall come to pass, when thou
shalt tell this people all these words,
and they shall say unto thee:
'Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced
all this great evil against us? or what is
our iniquity? or what is our sin that we

have committed against the Lord our
God?' 11then shalt thou say unto them:
'Because your fathers have forsaken
Me, saith the Lord, and have walked
after other gods, and have served
them, and have worshipped them, and
have forsaken Me, and have not kept
My law; 12and ye have done worse
than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk
every one after the stubbornness of his
evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto
Me; 13therefore will I cast you out of
this land into a land that ye have not
known, neither ye nor your fathers;
and there shall ye serve other gods day
and night; forasmuch as I will show
you no favour.'
14Therefore, behold, the days come,
saith the Lord, that it shall no more be
said: 'As the Lord liveth, that brought
up the children of Israel out of the land
of Egypt, '15but: 'As the Lord liveth,
that brought up the children of Israel
from the land of the north, and from all
the countries whither He had driven
them'; and I will bring them back into
their land that I gave unto their fathers.
16Behold, I will send for many
fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall
fish them; and afterward I will send for
many hunters, and they shall hunt
them from every mountain, and from
every hill, and out of the clefts of the
rocks.

17For Mine eyes are upon all their ways,
They are not hid from My face;
Neither is their iniquity concealed from Mine eyes.
18And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double;
Because they have profaned My land;
They have filled Mine inheritance
With the carcasses of their detestable things and their abominations.

19O Lord, my strength, and my stronghold,
And my refuge, in the day of affliction,
Unto Thee shall the nations come
From the ends of the earth, and shall say:
'Our fathers have inherited nought but lies,
Vanity and things wherein there is no profit.'
20Shall a man make unto himself gods,
And they are no gods?

21Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know,
This once will I cause them to know
My hand and My might;
And they shall know that My name is the Lord.

17 The sin of Judah is written
With a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond;
It is graven upon the tablet of their heart,
And upon the horns of your altars.
2Like the symbols of their sons are their altars,

And their Asherim are by the leafy trees,
Upon the high hills.
3 O thou that sittest upon the mountain in the field,
I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil,
And thy high places, because of sin, throughout all thy borders.
4 And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thy heritage
That I gave thee;
And I will cause thee to serve thine enemies
In the land which thou knowest not;
For ye have kindled a fire in My nostril,
Which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith the LORD:
Cursed is the man that trusteth in man,
And maketh flesh his arm,
And whose heart departeth from the LORD.
6 For he shall be like a tamarisk in the desert,
And shall not see when good cometh;
But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness,
A salt land and not inhabited.
7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD,
And whose trust the LORD is.
8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters,
And that spreadeth out its roots by the river,
And shall not see when heat cometh,
But its foliage shall be luxuriant;
And shall not be anxious in the year of drought,
Neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things,
And it is exceeding weak—who can know it?
10 I the LORD search the heart,
I try the reins,
Even to give every man according to his ways,
According to the fruit of his doings.

11 As the partridge that broodeth over young which she hath not brought forth,
So is he that getteth riches, and not by right;
In the midst of his days he shall leave them,
And at his end he shall be a fool.

12 Thou throne of glory, on high from the beginning,
Thou place of our sanctuary,
13 Thou hope of Israel, the LORD!
All that forsake Thee shall be ashamed;
They that depart from Thee shall be written in the earth,
Because they have forsaken the LORD,
The fountain of living waters.

[14]Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be
healed;
Save me, and I shall be saved;
For Thou art my praise.
[15]Behold, they say unto me:
'Where is the word of the LORD? let
it come now.'
[16]As for me, I have not hastened
from being a shepherd after Thee;
Neither have I desired the woeful
day; thou knowest it;
That which came out of my lips was
manifest before Thee.
[17]Be not a ruin unto me;
Thou art my refuge in the day of
evil.
[18]Let them be ashamed that
persecute me, but let not me be
ashamed;
Let them be dismayed, but let not
me be dismayed;
Bring upon them the day of evil,
And destroy them with double
destruction.

[19]Thus said the LORD unto me: Go,
and stand in the gate of the children of
the people, whereby the kings of Judah
come in, and by which they go out,
and in all the gates of Jerusalem; [20]and
say unto them:

Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye
kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter
in by these gates; [21]thus saith the LORD:
Take heed for the sake of your souls,
and bear no burden on the sabbath day,
nor bring it in by the gates of
Jerusalem; [22]neither carry forth a
burden out of your houses on the
sabbath day, neither do ye any work;
but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I
commanded your fathers; [23]but they
hearkened not, neither inclined their
ear, but made their neck stiff, that they
might not hear, nor receive instruction.
[24]And it shall come to pass, if ye
diligently hearken unto Me, saith the
LORD, to bring in no burden through
the gates of this city on the sabbath
day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to
do no work therein; [25]then shall there
enter in by the gates of this city kings
and princes sitting upon the throne of
David, riding in chariots and on
horses, they, and their princes, the men
of Judah, and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem; and this city shall be
inhabited for ever. [26]And they shall
come from the cities of Judah, and
from the places round about
Jerusalem, and from the land of
Benjamin, and from the Lowland, and
from the mountains, and from the
South, bringing burnt-offerings, and
sacrifices, and meal-offerings, and
frankincense, and bringing sacrifices
of thanksgiving, unto the house of the
LORD. [27]But if ye will not hearken unto
Me to hallow the sabbath day, and not
to bear a burden and enter in at the
gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day;
then will I kindle a fire in the gates
thereof, and it shall devour the palaces
of Jerusalem, and it shall not be
quenched.

18 The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD,

saying: 2’Arise, and go down to the
potter’s house, and there I will cause
thee to hear My words.’ 3Then I went
down to the potter’s house, and,
behold, he was at his work on the
wheels. 4And whensoever the vessel
that he made of the clay was marred in
the hand of the potter, he made it again
another vessel, as seemed good to the
potter to make it.

5Then the word of the Lord came to
me, saying: 6’O house of Israel, cannot
I do with you as this potter? saith the
Lord. Behold, as the clay in the
potter’s hand, so are ye in My hand, O
house of Israel. 7At one instant I may
speak concerning a nation, and
concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and
to break down and to destroy it; 8but if
that nation turn from their evil,
because of which I have spoken
against it, I repent of the evil that I
thought to do unto it. 9And at one
instant I may speak concerning a
nation, and concerning a kingdom, to
build and to plant it; 10but if it do evil
in My sight, that it hearken not to My
voice, then I repent of the good,
wherewith I said I would benefit it.
11Now therefore do thou speak to the
men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, saying: Thus saith the
Lord: Behold, I frame evil against you,
and devise a device against you; return
ye now every one from his evil way,
and amend your ways and your doings.
12But they say: There is no hope; but
we will walk after our own devices,
and we will do every one after the
stubbornness of his evil heart.’

13Therefore thus saith the Lord:
Ask ye now among the nations,
Who hath heard such things;
The virgin of Israel hath done
A very horrible thing.
14Doth the snow of Lebanon fail
From the rock of the field?
Or are the strange cold flowing
  waters
Plucked up?
15For My people hath forgotten Me,
They offer unto vanity;
And they have been made to
  stumble in their ways,
In the ancient paths,
To walk in bypaths,
In a way not cast up;
16To make their land an
  astonishment,
And a perpetual hissing;
Every one that passeth thereby shall
  be astonished,
And shake his head.
17I will scatter them as with an east
  wind
Before the enemy;
I will look upon their back, and not
  their face,
In the day of their calamity.

18Then said they:
‘Come, and let us devise devices
  against Jeremiah;
For instruction shall not perish from
  the priest,

Nor counsel from the wise, nor the
word from the prophet.
Come, and let us smite him with the
tongue,
And let us not give heed to any of
his words.'
19 Give heed to me, O LORD,
And hearken to the voice of them
that contend with me.
20 Shall evil be recompensed for
good?
For they have digged a pit for my
soul.
Remember how I stood before Thee
To speak good for them,
To turn away Thy wrath from them.
21 Therefore deliver up their children
to the famine,
And hurl them to the power of the
sword;
And let their wives be bereaved of
their children, and widows;
And let their men be slain of death,
And their young men smitten of the
sword in battle.
22 Let a cry be heard from their
houses,
When thou shalt bring a troop
suddenly upon them;
For they have digged a pit to take
me,
And hid snares for my feet.
23 Yet, LORD, Thou knowest
All their counsel against me to slay
me;
Forgive not their iniquity,
Neither blot out their sin from Thy
sight;
But let them be made to stumble
before Thee;
Deal Thou with them in the time of
Thine anger.

19 Thus said the LORD: Go, and
get a potter's earthen bottle,
and take of the elders of the people,
and of the elders of the priests; 2 and go
forth unto the valley of the son of
Hinnom, which is by the entry of the
gate Harsith, and proclaim there the
words that I shall tell thee; 3 and say:
Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings
of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem;
thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel:

Behold, I will bring evil upon this
place, which whosoever heareth, his
ears shall tingle; 4 because they have
forsaken Me, and have estranged this
place, and have offered in it unto other
gods, whom neither they nor their
fathers have known, nor the kings of
Judah; and have filled this place with
the blood of innocents; 5 and have built
the high places of Baal, to burn their
sons in the fire for burnt-offerings unto
Baal; which I commanded not, nor
spoke it, neither came it into My mind.
6 Therefore, behold, the days come,
saith the LORD, that this place shall no
more be called Topheth, nor The
valley of the son of Hinnom, but The
valley of slaughter; 7 and I will make
void the counsel of Judah and
Jerusalem in this place; and I will
cause them to fall by the sword before
their enemies, and by the hand of them

that seek their life; and their carcasses will I give to be food for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; [8]and I will make this city an astonishment, and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof; [9]and I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their life, shall straiten them. [10]Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, [11]and shalt say unto them: Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter’s vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury in Topheth, for want of room to bury. [12]Thus will I do unto this place, saith the Lord, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Topheth; [13]and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have offered unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

[14]Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither the Lord had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the Lord’S house, and said to all the people: [15]’Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they might not hear My words.’

20 Now Pashhur the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. [2]Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of the Lord. [3]And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him: ‘The Lord hath not called thy name Pashhur, but [a]Magormissabib. [4]For thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. [5]Moreover I will give all the store of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the wealth thereof, yea, all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, who shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. [6]And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thy house shall go into captivity; and thou

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[a] That is, *Terror on every side*.

shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.'

7O Lord, Thou hast enticed me, and I was enticed,
Thou hast overcome me, and hast prevailed;
I am become a laughing-stock all the day,
Every one mocketh me.
8For as often as I speak, I cry out,
I cry: 'Violence and spoil';
Because the word of the Lord is made
A reproach unto me, and a derision, all the day.
9And if I say: 'I will not make mention of Him,
Nor speak any more in His name',
Then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
Shut up in my bones,
And I weary myself to hold it in,
But cannot.
10For I have heard the whispering of many,
Terror on every side:
'Denounce, and we will denounce him';
Even of all my familiar friends,
Them that watch for my halting:
'Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him,
And we shall take our revenge on him.'
11But the Lord is with me as a mighty warrior;
Therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail;
They shall be greatly ashamed, because they have not prospered,
Even with an everlasting confusion which shall never be forgotten.
12But, O Lord of hosts, that triest the righteous,
That seest the reins and the heart,
Let me see Thy vengeance on them;
For unto Thee have I revealed my cause.

13Sing unto the Lord,
Praise ye the Lord;
For He hath delivered the soul of the needy
From the hand of evil-doers.

14Cursed be the day
Wherein I was born;
The day wherein my mother bore me,
Let it not be blessed.
15Cursed be the man who brought tidings
To my father, saying:
'A man-child is born unto thee';
Making him very glad.
16And let that man be as the cities
Which the Lord overthrew, and repented not;
And let him hear a cry in the morning,
And an alarm at noontide;
17Because He slew me not from the womb;

And so my mother would have been my grave,
And her womb always great.
18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb
To see labour and sorrow,
That my days should be consumed in shame?

21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashhur the son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying: 2 'Inquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; peradventure the LORD will deal with us according to all His wondrous works, that he may go up from us.'

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them: Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: 4 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel:

Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, that besiege you without the walls, and I will gather them into the midst of this city. 5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. 6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast; they shall die of a great pestilence. 7 And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life; and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have compassion.

8 And unto this people thou shalt say: Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and falleth away to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. 10 For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And unto the house of the king of Judah: Hear ye the word of the LORD; 12 O house of David, thus saith the LORD:

Execute justice in the morning,
And deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor,
Lest My fury go forth like fire,
And burn that none can quench it,
Because of the evil of your doings.

13 Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley,
And rock of the plain, saith the LORD;

Ye that say: ‘Who shall come down against us?
Or who shall enter into our habitations?’
14 And I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings,
Saith the LORD;
And I will kindle a fire in her forest,
And it shall devour all that is round about her.

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Thus said the LORD: Go down
to the house of the king of
Judah, and speak there this word, 2 and
say: Hear the word of the LORD, O king
of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of
David, thou, and thy servants, and thy
people that enter in by these gates.
3 Thus saith the LORD:
Execute ye justice and
righteousness, and deliver the spoiled
out of the hand of the oppressor; and
do no wrong, do no violence, to the
stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow,
neither shed innocent blood in this
place. 4 For if ye do this thing indeed,
then shall there enter in by the gates of
this house kings sitting upon the
throne of David, riding in chariots and
on horses, he, and his servants, and his
people. 5 But if ye will not hear these
words, I swear by Myself, saith the
LORD, that this house shall become a
desolation. 6 For thus saith the LORD
concerning the house of the king of
Judah:

Thou art Gilead unto Me,
The head of Lebanon;
Yet surely I will make thee a wilderness,
Cities which are not inhabited.
7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee,
Every one with his weapons;
And they shall cut down thy choice cedars,
And cast them into the fire.

8 And many nations shall pass by this
city, and they shall say every man to
his neighbour: ‘Wherefore hath the
LORD done thus unto this great city?’
9 Then they shall answer: ‘Because
they forsook the covenant of the LORD
their God, and worshipped other gods,
and served them.’

10 Weep ye not for the dead,
Neither bemoan him;
But weep sore for him that goeth away,
For he shall return no more,
Nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the LORD touching
Shallum the son of Josiah, king of
Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah
his father, and who went forth out of
this place: He shall not return thither
any more; 12 but in the place whither
they have led him captive, there shall
he die, and he shall see this land no
more.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness,
And his chambers by injustice;
That useth his neighbour’s service without wages,

And giveth him not his hire;
14 That saith: ‘I will build me a wide house
And spacious chambers’,
And cutteth him out windows,
And it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
15 Shalt thou reign, because thou strivest to excel in cedar?
Did not thy father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.
16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy;
Then it was well.
Is not this to know Me? saith the LORD.
17 But thine eyes and thy heart
Are not but for thy covetousness,
And for shedding innocent blood,
And for oppression, and for violence, to do it.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

They shall not lament for him:
‘Ah my brother! ’ or: ‘Ah sister! ’
They shall not lament for him:
‘Ah lord! ’ or: ‘Ah his glory! ’
19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass,
Drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry,
And lift up thy voice in Bashan;
And cry from Abarim,
For all thy lovers are destroyed.
21 I spoke unto thee in thy prosperity,
But thou saidst: ‘I will not hear.’
This hath been thy manner from thy youth,
That thou hearkenedst not to My voice.
22 The wind shall feed upon all thy shepherds,
And thy lovers shall go into captivity;
Surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded
For all thy wickedness.
23 O inhabitant of Lebanon,
That art nestled in the cedars,
How gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee,
The pain as of a woman in travail!

24 As I live, saith the LORD, though
Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of
Judah were the signet upon My right
hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;
25 and I will give thee into the hand of
them that seek thy life, and into the
hand of them of whom thou art afraid,
even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon, and into the hand of
the Chaldeans. 26 And I will cast thee
out, and thy mother that bore thee, into
another country, where ye were not
born; and there shall ye die. 27 But to
the land whereunto they long to return,
thither shall they not return.

28 Is this man Coniah a despised, broken image?
Is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure?
Wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed,

And are cast into the land which
they know not?
29O land, land, land,
Hear the word of the Lord.
30Thus saith the Lord:
Write ye this man childless,
A man that shall not prosper in his
days;
For no man of his seed shall
prosper,
Sitting upon the throne of David,
And ruling any more in Judah.

23 Woe unto the shepherds that
destroy and scatter
The sheep of My pasture! saith the
Lord.
2Therefore thus saith the Lord, the
God of Israel, against the shepherds
that feed My people: Ye have scattered
My flock, and driven them away, and
have not taken care of them; behold, I
will visit upon you the evil of your
doings, saith the Lord. 3And I will
gather the remnant of My flock out of
all the countries whither I have driven
them, and will bring them back to their
folds; and they shall be fruitful and
multiply. 4And I will set up shepherds
over them, who shall feed them; and
they shall fear no more, nor be
dismayed, neither shall any be lacking,
saith the Lord.
5Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord, that I will raise unto David
a righteous shoot, and he shall
reign as king and prosper, and
shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land.
6In his days Judah shall be saved,
and Israel shall dwell safely; and
this is his name whereby he shall
be called, The Lord is our
righteousness.
7Therefore, behold, the days come,
saith the Lord, that they shall no more
say: 'As the Lord liveth, that brought
up the children of Israel out of the land
of Egypt'; 8but: 'As the Lord liveth,
that brought up and that led the seed of
the house of Israel out of the north
country, and from all the countries
whither I had driven them'; and they
shall dwell in their own land.

9Concerning the prophets.

My heart within me is broken,
All my bones shake;
I am like a drunken man,
And like a man whom wine hath
overcome;
Because of the Lord,
And because of His holy words.
10For the land is full of adulterers;
For because of swearing the land
mourneth,
The pastures of the wilderness are
dried up;
And their course is evil,
And their force is not right.
11For both prophet and priest are
ungodly;
Yea, in My house have I found their
wickedness,
Saith the Lord.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery places in the darkness,
They shall be thrust, and fall therein;
For I will bring evil upon them,
Even the year of their visitation,
Saith the Lord.

13 And I have seen unseemliness in the prophets of Samaria:
They prophesied by Baal,
And caused My people Israel to err.
14 But in the prophets of Jerusalem I have seen a horrible thing:
They commit adultery, and walk in lies,
And they strengthen the hands of evil-doers,
That none doth return from his wickedness;
They are all of them become unto Me as Sodom,
And the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
15 Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets:
Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,
And make them drink the water of gall;
For from the prophets of Jerusalem
Is ungodliness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the Lord of hosts:
Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you,
They lead you unto vanity;
They speak a vision of their own heart,
And not out of the mouth of the Lord.
17 They say continually unto them that despise Me:
'The Lord hath said: Ye shall have peace';
And unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart they say:
'No evil shall come upon you';
18 For who hath stood in the council of the Lord,
That he should perceive and hear His word?
Who hath attended to His word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a storm of the Lord is gone forth in fury,
Yea, a whirling storm;
It shall whirl upon the head of the wicked.
20 The anger of the Lord shall not return,
Until He have executed, and till He have performed the purposes of His heart;
Iin the end of days ye shall consider it perfectly.
21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran;
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
22 But if they have stood in My council,
Then let them cause My people to hear My words,

And turn them from their evil way,
And from the evil of their doings.

[23]Am I a God near at hand, saith the LORD,
And not a God afar off?
[24]Can any hide himself in secret places
That I shall not see him? saith the LORD.
Do not I fill heaven and earth?
Saith the LORD.
[25]I have heard what the prophets have said,
That prophesy lies in My name, saying:
'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.'
[26]How long shall this be?
Is it in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies,
And the prophets of the deceit of their own heart?
[27]That think to cause My people to forget My name
By their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour,
As their fathers forgot My name for Baal.
[28]The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream;
And he that hath My word; let him speak My word faithfully.
What hath the straw to do with the wheat?
Saith the LORD.
[29]Is not My word like as fire?
Saith the LORD;
And like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

[30]Therefore, behold, I am against the
prophets, saith the LORD, that steal My
words every one from his neighbour.
[31]Behold, I am against the prophets,
saith the LORD, that use there tongues
and say: 'He saith.' [32]Behold, I am
against them that prophesy lying
dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell
them, and cause My people to err by
their lies, and by their wantonness; yet
I sent them not, nor commanded them;
neither can they profit this people at
all, saith the LORD.
[33]And when this people, or the
prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee,
saying: 'What is the burden of the
LORD?' then shalt thou say unto them:
'What burden! I will cast you off, saith
the LORD.' [34]And as for the prophet,
and the priest, and the people, that
shall say: 'The burden of the LORD', I
will even punish that man and his
house. [35]Thus shall ye say every one to
his neighbour, and every one to his
brother: 'What hath the LORD
answered?' and: 'What hath the LORD
spoken?' [36]And the burden of the LORD
shall ye mention no more; for every
man's own word shall be his burden;
and would ye pervert the words of the
living God, of the LORD of hosts our
God? [37]Thus shalt thou say to the
prophet: 'What hath the LORD
answered thee?' and: 'What hath the
LORD spoken?' [38]But if ye say: 'The
burden of the LORD'; therefore thus
saith the LORD: Because ye say this
word: 'The burden of the LORD', and I
have sent unto you, saying: 'Ye shall

not say: The burden of the LORD';
39therefore, behold, I will utterly tear
you out, and I will cast you off, and
the city that I gave unto you and to
your fathers, away from My presence;
40and I will bring an everlasting
reproach upon you, and a perpetual
shame, which shall not be forgotten

24 The LORD showed me, and
behold two baskets of figs set
before the temple of the LORD; after
that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon
had carried away captive Jeconiah the
son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and
the princes of Judah, with the
craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem,
and had brought them to Babylon.
2One basket had very good figs, like
the figs that are first-ripe; and the other
basket had very bad figs, which could
not be eaten, they were so bad. 3Then
said the LORD unto me: 'What seest
thou, Jeremiah?' And I said: 'Figs; the
good figs, very good; and the bad, very
bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so
bad.' 4And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 5'Thus saith the LORD,
the God of Israel: Like these good figs,
so will I regard the captives of Judah,
whom I have sent out of this place into
the land of the Chaldeans, for good.
6And I will set Mine eyes upon them
for good, and I will bring them back to
this land; and I will build them, and
not pull them down; and I will plant
them, and not pluck them up. 7And I
will give them a heart to know Me,
that I am the LORD; and they shall be
My people, and I will be their God; for
they shall return unto Me with their
whole heart. 8And as the bad figs,
which cannot be eaten, they are so
bad; surely thus saith the LORD: So will
I make Zedekiah the king of Judah,
and his princes, and the residue of
Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and
them that dwell in the land of Egypt; 9I
will even make them a horror among
all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; a
reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a
curse, in all places whither I shall
drive them. 10And I will send the
sword, the famine, and the pestilence,
among them, till they be consumed
from off the land that I gave unto them
and to their fathers.'

25 The word that came to
Jeremiah concerning all the
people of Judah in the fourth year of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of
Judah, that was the first year of
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;
2which Jeremiah the prophet spoke
unto all the people of Judah, and to all
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying:

3From the thirteenth year of Josiah
the son of Amon, king of Judah, even
unto this day, these three and twenty
years, the word of the LORD hath come
unto me, and I have spoken unto you,
speaking betimes and often; but ye
have not hearkened. 4And the LORD
hath sent unto you all His servants the
prophets, sending them betimes and
often—but ye have not hearkened, nor
inclined your ear to hear— 5saying:

‘Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers, for ever and ever; [6]and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke Me not with the work of your hands, and I will do you no hurt.’ [7]Yet ye have not hearkened unto Me, saith the LORD; that ye might provoke Me with the work of your hands to your own hurt. [8]Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: Because ye have not heard My words, [9]behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and I will send unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, My servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. [10]Moreover I will cause to cease from among them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the lamp. [11]And this whole land shall be a desolation, and a waste; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. [12]And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it perpetual desolations. [13]And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. [14]For many nations and great kings shall make bondmen of them also; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their own hands.

[15]For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto me: Take this cup of the wine of fury at My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. [16]And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be like madmen, because of the sword that I will send among them.—[17]Then took I the cup of the LORD’S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me: [18]Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them an appalment, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse; as it is this day; [19]Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; [20]and all the mingled people; and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod; [21]Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon; [22]and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isle which is beyond the sea; [23]Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have the corners

of their hair polled; 24 and all the kings
of Arabia, and all the kings of the
mingled people that dwell in the
wilderness; 25 and all the kings of
Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and
all the kings of the Medes; 26 and all the
kings of the north, far and near, one
with another; and all the kingdoms of
the world, which are upon the face of
the earth.—And the king of [a]Sheshach
shall drink after them. 27 And thou shalt
say unto them: Thus saith the Lord of
hosts, the God of Israel: Drink ye, and
be drunken, and spew, and fall, and
rise no more, because of the sword
which I will send among you. 28 And it
shall be, if they refuse to take the cup
at thy hand to drink, then shalt thou
say unto them: Thus saith the Lord of
hosts: Ye shall surely drink. 29 For, lo, I
begin to bring evil on the city
whereupon My name is called, and
should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye
shall not be unpunished; for I will call
for a sword upon all the inhabitants of
the earth, saith the Lord of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them:

The Lord doth roar from on high,
And utter His voice from His holy
habitation;
He doth mightily roar because of
His fold;
He giveth a shout, as they that tread
the grapes,
Against all the inhabitants of the
earth.
31 A noise is come even to the end of
the earth;
For the Lord hath a controversy
with the nations,
He doth plead with all flesh;
As for the wicked, He hath given
them to the sword,
Saith the Lord.

32 Thus saith the Lord of hosts:
Behold, evil shall go forth
From nation to nation,
And a great storm shall be raised up
From the uttermost parts of the
earth.

33 And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground.

34 Wail, ye shepherds, and cry;
And wallow yourselves in the dust,
ye leaders of the flock;
For the days of your slaughter are
fully come,
And I will break you in pieces,
And ye shall fall like a precious
vessel.
35 And the shepherds shall have no
way to flee,
Nor the leaders of the flock to
escape.
36 Hark! the cry of the shepherds,
And the wailing of the leaders of the
flock!

[a] According to ancient tradition, a cipher for *Babel*.

For the Lord despoileth their
pasture.
37 And the peaceable folds are
brought to silence
Because of the fierce anger of the
Lord.
38 He hath forsaken His covert, as the
lion;
For their land is become a waste
Because of the fierceness of the
oppressing sword,
And because of His fierce anger.

26 In the beginning of the reign
of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,
king of Judah, came this word from
the Lord, saying: 2 'Thus saith the
Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord'S
house, and speak unto all the cities of
Judah, which come to worship in the
Lord'S house, all the words that I
command thee to speak unto them;
diminish not a word. 3 It may be they
will hearken, and turn every man from
his evil way; that I may repent Me of
the evil, which I purpose to do unto
them because of the evil of their
doings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them:
Thus saith the Lord: If ye will not
hearken to Me, to walk in My law,
which I have set before you, 5 to
hearken to the words of My servants
the prophets, whom I send unto you,
even sending them betimes and often,
but ye have not hearkened; 6 then will I
make this house like Shiloh, and will
make this city a curse to all the nations
of the earth.'

7 So the priests and the prophets and
all the people heard Jeremiah speaking
these words in the house of the Lord.
8 Now it came to pass, when Jeremiah
had made an end of speaking all that
the Lord had commanded him to speak
unto all the people, that the priests and
the prophets and all the people laid
hold on him, saying: 'Thou shalt
surely die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied
in the name of the Lord, saying: This
house shall be like Shiloh, and this city
shall be desolate, without an
inhabitant?' And all the people were
gathered against Jeremiah in the house
of the Lord.

10 When the princes of Judah heard
these things, they came up from the
king's house unto the house of the
Lord; and they sat in the entry of the
new gate of the Lord'S house. 11 Then
spoke the priests and the prophets unto
the princes and to all the people,
saying: 'This man is worthy of death;
for he hath prophesied against this
city, as ye have heard with your ears.'
12 Then spoke Jeremiah unto all the
princes and to all the people, saying:
'The Lord sent me to prophesy against
this house and against this city all the
words that ye have heard. 13 Therefore
now amend your ways and your
doings, and hearken to the voice of the
Lord your God; and the Lord will
repent Him of the evil that He hath
pronounced against you. 14 But as for
me, behold, I am in your hand; do with
me as is good and right in your eyes.
15 Only know ye for certain that, if ye

put me to death, ye will bring innocent
blood upon yourselves, and upon this
city, and upon the inhabitants thereof;
for of a truth the LORD hath sent me
unto you to speak all these words in
your ears.'
[16]Then said the princes and all the
people unto the priests and to the
prophets: 'This man is not worthy of
death; for he hath spoken to us in the
name of the LORD our God.' [17]Then
rose up certain of the elders of the
land, and spoke to all the assembly of
the people, saying: [18]'Micah the
Morashtite prophesied in the days of
Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spoke
to all the people of Judah, saying:
Thus saith the LORD of hosts:

Zion shall be plowed as a field,
And Jerusalem shall become heaps,
And the mountain of the house as
the high places of a forest.

[19]Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all
Judah put him at all to death? did he
not fear the LORD, and entreat the
favour of the LORD, and the LORD
repented Him of the evil which He had
pronounced against them? Thus might
we procure great evil against our own
souls.'
[20]And there was also a man that
prophesied in the name of the LORD,
Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kiriath-
jearim; and he prophesied against this
city and against this land according to
all the words of Jeremiah; [21]and when
Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty
men, and all the princes, heard his
words, the king sought to put him to
death; but when Uriah heard it, he was
afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt;
[22]and Jehoiakim the king sent men into
Egypt, Elnathan the son of Achbor,
and certain men with him, into Egypt;
[23]and they fetched forth Uriah out of
Egypt, and brought him unto
Jehoiakim the king; who slew him
with the sword, and cast his dead body
into the graves of the children of the
people. [24]Nevertheless the hand of
Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with
Jeremiah, that they should not give
him into the hand of the people to put
him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign
of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,
king of Judah, came this word unto
Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:
[2]'Thus saith the LORD to me: Make
thee bands and bars, and put them
upon thy neck; [3]and send them to the
king of Edom, and to the king of
Moab, and to the king of the children
of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre,
and to the king of Zidon, by the hand
of the messengers that come to
Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of
Judah; [4]and give them a charge unto
their masters, saying: Thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus
shall ye say unto your masters: [5]I have
made the earth, the man and the beast
that are upon the face of the earth, by
My great power and by My
outstretched arm; and I give it unto
whom it seemeth right unto Me. [6]And
now have I given all these lands into

the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king
of Babylon, My servant; and the beasts
of the field also have I given him to
serve him. 7And all the nations shall
serve him, and his son, and his son’s
son, until the time of his own land
come; and then many nations and great
kings shall make him their bondman.
8And it shall come to pass, that the
nation and the kingdom which will not
serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king
of Babylon, and that will not put their
neck under the yoke of the king of
Babylon, that nation will I visit, saith
the LORD, with the sword, and with the
famine, and with the pestilence, until I
have consumed them by his hand. 9But
as for you, hearken ye not to your
prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to
your dreams, nor to your soothsayers,
nor to your sorcerers, that speak unto
you, saying: Ye shall not serve the
king of Babylon; 10for they prophesy a
lie unto you, to remove you far from
your land; and that I should drive you
out and ye should perish. 11But the
nation that shall bring their neck under
the yoke of the king of Babylon, and
serve him, that nation will I let remain
in their own land, saith the LORD; and
they shall till it, and dwell therein.’

12And I spoke to Zedekiah king of
Judah according to all these words,
saying: ‘Bring your necks under the
yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve
him and his people, and live. 13Why
will ye die, thou and thy people, by the
sword, by the famine, and by the
pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken
concerning the nation that will not
serve the king of Babylon? 14And
hearken not unto the words of the
prophets that speak unto you, saying:
Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon,
for they prophesy a lie unto you. 15For
I have not sent them, saith the LORD,
and they prophesy falsely in My name;
that I might drive you out, and that ye
might perish, ye, and the prophets that
prophesy unto you.’

16Also I spoke to the priests and to
all this people, saying: ‘Thus saith the
LORD: Hearken not to the words of
your prophets that prophesy unto you,
saying: Behold, the vessels of the
LORD’S house shall now shortly be
brought back from Babylon; for they
prophesy a lie unto you. 17Hearken not
unto them; serve the king of Babylon,
and live; wherefore should this city
become desolate? 18But if they be
prophets, and if the word of the LORD
be with them, let them now make
intercession to the LORD of hosts, that
the vessels which are left in the house
of the LORD, and in the house of the
king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not
to Babylon. 19For thus saith the LORD
of hosts concerning the pillars, and
concerning the sea, and concerning the
bases, and concerning the residue of
the vessels that remain in this city,
20which Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon took not, when he carried
away captive Jeconiah the son of
Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from
Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the
nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; 21yea,

thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God
of Israel, concerning the vessels that
remain in the house of the LORD, and in
the house of the king of Judah, and at
Jerusalem: 22They shall be carried to
Babylon, and there shall they be, until
the day that I remember them, saith the
LORD, and bring them up, and restore
them to this place.'

28 And it came to pass the same
year, in the beginning of the
reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the
fourth year, in the fifth month, that
Hananiah the son of Azzur the
prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke
unto me in the house of the LORD, in
the presence of the priests and of all
the people, saying: 2'Thus speaketh the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
saying: I have broken the yoke of the
king of Babylon. 3Within two full
years will I bring back into this place
all the vessels of the LORD'S house,
that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon
took away from this place, and carried
them to Babylon; 4and I will bring
back to this place Jeconiah the son of
Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the
captives of Judah, that went to
Babylon, saith the LORD; for I will
break the yoke of the king of
Babylon.' 5Then the prophet Jeremiah
said unto the prophet Hananiah in the
presence of the priests, and in the
presence of all the people that stood in
the house of the LORD, 6even the
prophet Jeremiah said: 'Amen! the
LORD do so! the LORD perform thy
words which thou hast prophesied, to
bring back the vessels of the LORD'S
house, and all them that are carried
away captive, from Babylon unto this
place! 7Nevertheless hear thou now
this word that I speak in thine ears, and
in the ears of all the people: 8The
prophets that have been before me and
before thee of old prophesied against
many countries, and against great
kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of
pestilence. 9The prophet that
prophesieth of peace, when the word
of the prophet shall come to pass, then
shall the prophet be known, that the
LORD hath truly sent him.'

10Then Hananiah the prophet took
the bar from off the prophet
Jeremiah's neck, and broke it. 11And
Hananiah spoke in the presence of all
the people, saying: 'Thus saith the
LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from
off the neck of all the nations within
two full years.' And the prophet
Jeremiah went his way. 12Then the
word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah,
after that Hananiah the prophet had
broken the bar from off the neck of the
prophet Jeremiah, saying: 13'Go, and
tell Hananiah, saying: Thus saith the
LORD: Thou hast broken the bars of
wood; but thou shalt make in their
stead bars of iron. 14For thus saith the
LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have
put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all
these nations, that they may serve
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and
they shall serve him; and I have given
him the beasts of the field also.'

15 Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto
Hananiah the prophet: 'Hear now,
Hananiah; the LORD hath not sent thee;
but thou makest this people to trust in
a lie. 16 'Therefore thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will send thee away from off
the face of the earth; this year thou
shalt die, because thou hast spoken
perversion against the LORD.' 17 So
Hananiah the prophet died the same
year in the seventh month.

29 Now these are the words of the
letter that Jeremiah the prophet
sent from Jerusalem unto the residue
of the elders of the captivity, and to the
priests, and to the prophets, and to all
the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar
had carried away captive from
Jerusalem to Babylon, 2 after that
Jeconiah the king, and the queen-
mother, and the officers, and the
princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and
the craftsmen, and the smiths, were
departed from Jerusalem; 3 by the hand
of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and
Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom
Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto
Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon, saying:

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel, unto all the captivity,
whom I have caused to be carried
away captive from Jerusalem unto
Babylon:

5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them,
and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of
them; 6 take ye wives, and beget sons
and daughters; and take wives for your
sons, and give your daughters to
husbands, that they may bear sons and
daughters; and multiply ye there, and
be not diminished. 7 And seek the
peace of the city whither I have caused
you to be carried away captive, and
pray unto the LORD for it; for in the
peace thereof shall ye have peace.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the
God of Israel: Let not your prophets
that are in the midst of you, and your
diviners, beguile you, neither hearken
ye to your dreams which ye cause to
be dreamed. 9 For they prophesy falsely
unto you in My name; I have not sent
them, saith the LORD.

10 For thus saith the LORD: After
seventy years are accomplished for
Babylon, I will remember you, and
perform My good word toward you, in
causing you to return to this place.
11 For I know the thoughts that I think
toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of
peace, and not of evil, to give you a
future and a hope. 12 And ye shall call
upon Me, and go, and pray unto Me,
and I will hearken unto you. 13 And ye
shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye
shall search for Me with all your heart.
14 And I will be found of you, saith the
LORD, and I will turn your captivity,
and gather you from all the nations,
and from all the places whither I have
driven you, saith the LORD; and I will
bring you back unto the place whence
I caused you to be carried away
captive. 15 For ye have said: 'The LORD
hath raised us up prophets in Babylon.'
16 For thus saith the LORD concerning
the king that sitteth upon the throne of

David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; [17]thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. [18]And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will make them a horror unto all the kingdoms of the earth, a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them; [19]because they have not hearkened to My words, saith the LORD, wherewith I sent unto them My servants the prophets, sending them betimes and often; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. [20]Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon: [21]Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie unto you in My name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; [22]and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah that are in Babylon, saying: ‘The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire’; [23]because they have wrought vile deeds in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours’wives, and have spoken words in My name falsely, which I commanded them not; but I am He that knoweth, and am witness, saith the LORD.

[24]And concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite thou shalt speak, saying: [25]Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Because thou hast sent letters in thine own name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying: [26]’The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that there should be officers in the house of the LORD for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in the stocks and in the collar. [27]Now therefore, why hast thou not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who maketh himself a prophet to you, [28]forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying: The captivity is long; build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them?’ [29]And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. [30]Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying: [31]Send to all them of the captivity, saying: Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust in a lie; [32]therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his

seed; he shall not have a man to dwell
among this people, neither shall he
behold the good that I will do unto My
people, saith the Lord; because he hath
spoken perversion against the Lord.

30 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the Lord,
saying: 2’Thus speaketh the Lord, the
God of Israel, saying: Write thee all
the words that I have spoken unto thee
in a book. 3For, lo, the days come,
saith the Lord, that I will turn the
captivity of My people Israel and
Judah, saith the Lord; and I will cause
them to return to the land that I gave to
their fathers, and they shall possess it.’
4And these are the words that the
Lord spoke concerning Israel and
concerning Judah. 5For thus saith the
Lord:

We have heard a voice of trembling,
Of fear, and not of peace.
6Ask ye now, and see whether a man
doth travail with child;
Wherefore do I see every man
With his hands on his loins, as a
woman in travail,
And all faces are turned into
paleness?
7Alas! for that day is great,
So that none is like it;
And it is a time of trouble unto
Jacob,
But out of it shall he be saved.
8And it shall come to pass in that
day,
Saith the Lord of hosts,
That I will break his yoke from off
thy neck,
And will burst thy bands;
And strangers shall no more make
him their bondman;
9But they shall serve the Lord their
God,
And David their king,
Whom I will raise up unto them.

10Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob
My servant, saith the Lord;
Neither be dismayed, O Israel;
For, lo, I will save thee from afar,
And thy seed from the land of their
captivity;
And Jacob shall again be quiet and
at ease,
And none shall make him afraid.
11For I am with thee, saith the Lord,
to save thee;
For I will make a full end of all the
nations whither I have scattered
thee,
But I will not make a full end of
thee;
For I will correct thee in measure,
And will not utterly destroy thee.

12For thus saith the Lord:
Thy hurt is incurable,
And thy wound is grievous.
13None deemeth of thy wound that it
may be bound up;
Thou hast no healing medicines.
14All thy lovers have forgotten thee,
They seek thee not;
For I have wounded thee with the
wound of an enemy,

With the chastisement of a cruel one;
For the greatness of thine iniquity,
Because thy sins were increased.
15 Why criest thou for thy hurt,
That thy pain is incurable?
For the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased,
I have done these things unto thee.
16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured,
And all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
And they that spoil thee shall be a spoil,
And all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.
17 For I will restore health unto thee,
And I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD;
Because they have called thee an outcast:
'She is [a]Zion, there is none that careth for her.'

18 Thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will turn the captivity of Jacob's tents,
And have compassion on his dwelling-places;
And the city shall be builded upon her own mound,
And the palace shall be inhabited upon its wonted place.
19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving
And the voice of them that make merry;
And I will multiply them, and they shall not be diminished,
I will also increase them, and they shall not dwindle away.
20 Their children also shall be as aforetime,
And their congregation shall be established before Me,
And I will punish all that oppress them.
21 And their prince shall be of themselves,
And their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them;
And I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto Me;
For who is he that hath pledged his heart
To approach unto Me? saith the LORD.
22 And ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, a storm of the LORD is gone forth in fury,
A sweeping storm; it shall whirl upon the head of the wicked.
24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return,
Until He have executed, and till He have performed
The purposes of His heart;
In the end of days ye shall consider it.

31 At that time, saith the LORD,
Will I be the God of all the families of Israel,

[a] With a play on the meaning, *a dry land*.

And they shall be My people.

[2]Thus saith the LORD:
The people that were left of the sword
Have found grace in the wilderness,
Even Israel, when I go to cause him to rest.
[3]'From afar the LORD appeared unto me.'
'Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love;
Therefore with affection have I drawn thee.
[4]Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built,
O virgin of Israel;
Again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets,
And shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.
[5]Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria;
The planters shall plant, and shall have the use thereof.
[6]For there shall be a day,
That the watchmen shall call upon the mount Ephraim:
Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion,
Unto the LORD our God.'

[7]For thus saith the LORD:
Sing with gladness for Jacob,
And shout at the head of the nations;
Announce ye, praise ye, and say:
'O LORD, save Thy people,
The remnant of Israel.'
[8]Behold, I will bring them from the north country,
And gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth,
And with them the blind and the lame,
The woman with child and her that travaileth with child together;
A great company shall they return hither.
[9]They shall come with weeping,
And with supplications will I lead them;
I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters,
In a straight way wherein they shall not stumble;
For I am become a father to Israel,
And Ephraim is My first-born.

[10]Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations,
And declare it in the isles afar off, and say:
'He that scattered Israel doth gather him,
And keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.'
[11]For the LORD hath ransomed Jacob,
And He redeemeth him from the hand of him that is stronger than he.
[12]And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,
And shall flow unto the goodness of the LORD,
To the corn, and to the wine, and to the oil,
And to the young of the flock and of the herd;

And their soul shall be as a watered garden,
And they shall not pine any more at all.
13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,
And the young men and the old together;
For I will turn their mourning into joy,
And will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.
14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness,
And My people shall be satisfied with My goodness,
Saith the LORD.

15 Thus saith the LORD:
A voice is heard in Ramah,
Lamentation, and bitter weeping,
Rachel weeping for her children;
She refuseth to be comforted for her children,
Because they are not.

16 Thus saith the LORD:
Refrain thy voice from weeping,
And thine eyes from tears;
For thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD;
And they shall come back from the land of the enemy.
17 And there is hope for thy future, saith the LORD;
And thy children shall return to their own border.
18 I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself:
'Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised,
As a calf untrained;
Turn thou me, and I shall be turned,
For Thou art the LORD my God.
19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented,
And after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh;
I was ashamed, yea, even confounded,
Because I did bear the reproach of my youth.'
20 Is Ephraim a darling son unto Me?
Is he a child that is dandled?
For as often as I speak of him,
I do earnestly remember him still;
Therefore My heart yearneth for him,
I will surely have compassion upon him, saith the LORD.

21 Set thee up waymarks,
Make thee guide-posts;
Set thy heart toward the high-way,
Even the way by which thou wentest;
Return, O virgin of Israel,
Return to these thy cities.
22 How long wilt thou turn away coyly,
O thou backsliding daughter?
For the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth:
A woman shall court a man.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Yet again shall they use this speech

In the land of Judah and in the cities thereof,
When I shall turn their captivity:
'The LORD bless thee, O habitation of righteousness,
O mountain of holiness.'
24And Judah and all the cities thereof
Shall dwell therein together:
The husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.
25For I have satiated the weary soul,
And every pining soul have I replenished.

26Upon this I awaked, and beheld;
And my sleep was sweet unto me.

27Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will sow the house of
Israel and the house of Judah with the
seed of man, and with the seed of
beast. 28And it shall come to pass, that
like as I have watched over them to
pluck up and to break down, and to
overthrow and to destroy, and to
afflict; so will I watch over them to
build and to plant, saith the LORD.
29In those days they shall say no
more:
'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on edge.'
30But every one shall die for his own
iniquity; every man that eateth the sour
grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.
31Behold, the days come, saith the
LORD, that I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel, and with the
house of Judah; 32not according to the
covenant that I made with their fathers
in the day that I took them by the hand
to bring them out of the land of Egypt;
forasmuch as they broke My covenant,
although I was a lord over them, saith
the LORD. 33But this is the covenant
that I will make with the house of
Israel after those days, saith the LORD,
I will put My law in their inward parts,
and in their heart will I write it; and I
will be their God, and they shall be My
people; 34and they shall teach no more
every man his neighbour, and every
man his brother, saying: 'Know the
LORD'; for they shall all know Me,
from the least of them unto the greatest
of them, saith the LORD; for I will
forgive their iniquity, and their sin will
I remember no more.

35Thus saith the LORD,
Who giveth the sun for a light by day,
And the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,
Who stirreth up the sea, that the waves thereof roar,
The LORD of hosts is His name:
36If these ordinances depart from before Me,
Saith the LORD,
Then the seed of Israel also shall cease
From being a nation before Me for ever.

37Thus saith the LORD:
If heaven above can be measured,

And the foundations of the earth
searched out beneath,
Then will I also cast off all the seed
of Israel
For all that they have done, saith the
Lord.

38Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord, that the city shall be built to the
Lord from the tower of Hananel unto
the gate of the corner. 39And the
measuring line shall yet go out straight
forward unto the hill Gareb, and shall
turn about unto Goah. 40And the whole
valley of the dead bodies, and of the
ashes, and all the fields unto the brook
Kidron, unto the corner of the horse
gate toward the east, shall be holy unto
the Lord; it shall not be plucked up,
nor thrown down any more for ever.

32 The word that came to
Jeremiah from the Lord in the
tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah,
which was the eighteenth year of
Nebuchadrezzar. 2Now at that time the
king of Babylon's army was besieging
Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet
was shut up in the court of the guard,
which was in the king of Judah's
house. 3For Zedekiah king of Judah
had shut him up, saying: 'Wherefore
dost thou prophesy, and say: Thus
saith the Lord: Behold, I will give this
city into the hand of the king of
Babylon, and he shall take it; 4and
Zedekiah king of Judah shall not
escape out of the hand of the
Chaldeans, but shall surely be
delivered into the hand of the king of
Babylon, and shall speak with him
mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall
behold his eyes; 5and he shall lead
Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall
he be until I remember him, saith the
Lord; though ye fight with the
Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper?'

6And Jeremiah said: 'The word of
the Lord came unto me, saying:
7Behold, Hanamel, the son of Shallum
thine uncle, shall come unto thee,
saying: Buy thee my field that is in
Anathoth; for the right of redemption
is thine to buy it.' 8So Hanamel mine
uncle's son came to me in the court of
the guard according to the word of the
Lord, and said unto me: 'Buy my
field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth,
which is in the land of Benjamin; for
the right of inheritance is thine, and
the redemption is thine; buy it for
thyself.' Then I knew that this was the
word of the Lord. 9And I bought the
field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel
mine uncle's son, and weighed him the
money, even seventeen shekels of
silver. 10And I subscribed the deed,
and sealed it, and called witnesses, and
weighed him the money in the
balances. 11So I took the deed of the
purchase, both that which was sealed,
containing the terms and conditions,
and that which was open; 12and I
delivered the deed of the purchase
unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son
of Mahseiah, in the presence of
Hanamel mine uncle['s son], and in
the presence of the witnesses that
subscribed the deed of the purchase,

before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard. [13]And I charged Baruch before them, saying: [14]'Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both that which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. [15]For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.'

[16]Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the Lord, saying: [17]'Ah Lord God! behold, Thou hast made the heaven and the earth by Thy great power and by Thy outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for Thee; [18]who showest mercy unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, the Lord of hosts is His name; [19]great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings; [20]who didst set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, and in Israel and among other men; and madest Thee a name, as at this day; [21]and didst bring forth Thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror; [22]and gavest them this land, which Thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey; [23]and they came in, and possessed it; but they hearkened not to Thy voice, neither walked in Thy law; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedst them to do; therefore Thou hast caused all this evil to befall them; [24]behold the mounds, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what Thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, Thou seest it. [25]Yet Thou hast said unto me, O Lord God: Buy thee the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'

[26]Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying: [27]'Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; is there any thing too hard for Me? [28]Therefore thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it; [29]and the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke Me. [30]For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done that which was evil in My sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only

provoked Me with the work of their
hands, saith the Lord. [31]For this city
hath been to Me a provocation of Mine
anger and of My fury from the day that
they built it even unto this day, that I
should remove it from before My face;
[32]because of all the evil of the children
of Israel and of the children of Judah,
which they have done to provoke Me,
they, their kings, their princes, their
priests, and their prophets, and the
men of Judah, and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem. [33]And they have turned
unto Me the back, and not the face;
and though I taught them, teaching
them betimes and often, yet they have
not hearkened to receive instruction.
[34]But they set their abominations in the
house whereupon My name is called,
to defile it. [35]And they built the high
places of Baal, which are in the valley
of the son of Hinnom, to set apart their
sons and their daughters unto Molech;
which I commanded them not, neither
came it into My mind, that they should
do this abomination; to cause Judah to
sin. [36]And now therefore thus saith the
Lord, the God of Israel, concerning
this city, whereof ye say: It is given
into the hand of the king of Babylon
by the sword, and by the famine, and
by the pestilence: [37]Behold, I will
gather them out of all the countries,
whither I have driven them in Mine
anger, and in My fury, and in great
wrath; and I will bring them back unto
this place, and I will cause them to
dwell safely; [38]and they shall be My
people, and I will be their God; [39]and I
will give them one heart and one way,
that they may fear Me for ever; for the
good of them, and of their children
after them; [40]and I will make an
everlasting covenant with them, that I
will not turn away from them, to do
them good; and I will put My fear in
their hearts, that they shall not depart
from Me. [41]Yea, I will rejoice over
them to do them good, and I will plant
them in this land in truth with My
whole heart and with My whole soul.
[42]For thus saith the Lord: Like as I
have brought all this great evil upon
this people, so will I bring upon them
all the good that I have promised them.
[43]And fields shall be bought in this
land, whereof ye say: It is desolate,
without man or beast; it is given into
the hand of the Chaldeans. [44]Men shall
buy fields for money, and subscribe
the deeds, and seal them, and call
witnesses, in the land of Benjamin,
and in the places about Jerusalem, and
in the cities of Judah, and in the cities
of the hill-country, and in the cities of
the Lowland, and in the cities of the
South; for I will cause their captivity
to return, saith the Lord.'

33 Moreover the word of the
Lord came unto Jeremiah the
second time, while he was yet shut up
in the court of the guard, saying:

[2]Thus saith the Lord the Maker
thereof,
The Lord that formed it to establish
it,
The Lord is His name:

3Call unto Me, and I will answer
thee,
And will tell thee great things, and
hidden, which thou knowest not.
4For thus saith the Lord, the God of
Israel, concerning the houses of this
city, and concerning the houses of the
kings of Judah, which are broken
down for mounds, and for ramparts;
5whereon they come to fight with the
Chaldeans, even to fill them with the
dead bodies of men, whom I have slain
in Mine anger and in My fury, and for
all whose wickedness I have hid My
face from this city: 6Behold, I will
bring it healing and cure, and I will
cure them; and I will reveal unto them
the abundance of peace and truth.
7And I will cause the captivity of
Judah and the captivity of Israel to
return, and will build them, as at the
first. 8And I will cleanse them from all
their iniquity, whereby they have
sinned against Me; and I will pardon
all their iniquities, whereby they have
sinned against Me, and whereby they
have transgressed against Me. 9And
this city shall be to Me for a name of
joy, for a praise and for a glory, before
all the nations of the earth, which shall
hear all the good that I do unto them,
and shall fear and tremble for all the
good and for all the peace that I
procure unto it.

10Thus saith the Lord: Yet again
there shall be heard in this place,
whereof ye say: It is waste, without
man and without beast, even in the
cities of Judah, and in the streets of
Jerusalem, that are desolate, without
man and without inhabitant and
without beast, 11the voice of joy and
the voice of gladness, the voice of the
bridegroom and the voice of the bride,
the voice of them that say: 'Give
thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the
Lord is good, for His mercy endureth
for ever', even of them that bring
offerings of thanksgiving into the
house of the Lord. For I will cause the
captivity of the land to return as at the
first, saith the Lord.

12Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Yet
again shall there be in this place,
which is waste, without man and
without beast, and in all the cities
thereof, a habitation of shepherds
causing their flocks to lie down. 13In
the cities of the hill-country, in the
cities of the Lowland, and in the cities
of the South, and in the land of
Benjamin, and in the places about
Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah,
shall the flocks again pass under the
hands of him that counteth them, saith
the Lord.

14Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord, that I will perform that good
word which I have spoken concerning
the house of Israel and concerning the
house of Judah. 15In those days, and at
that time,

Will I cause a shoot of righteousness
to grow up unto David;
And he shall execute justice and
righteousness in the land.
16In those days shall Judah be saved,
And Jerusalem shall dwell safely;

And this is the name whereby she
shall be called,
The Lord is our righteousness.
17For thus saith the Lord: There
shall not be cut off unto David a man
to sit upon the throne of the house of
Israel; 18neither shall there be cut off
unto the priests the Levites a man
before Me to offer burnt-offerings, and
to burn meal-offerings, and to do
sacrifice continually.
19And the word of the Lord came
unto Jeremiah, saying: 20Thus saith the
Lord:

If ye can break My covenant with
the day,
And My covenant with the night,
So that there should not be day and
night in their season;
21Then may also My covenant be
broken with David My servant,
That he should not have a son to
reign upon his throne;
And with the Levites the priests, My
ministers.
22As the host of heaven cannot be
numbered,
Neither the sand of the sea
measured;
So will I multiply the seed of David
My servant,
And the Levites that minister unto
Me.

23And the word of the Lord came to
Jeremiah, saying: 24'Considerest thou
not what this people have spoken,
saying: The two families which the
Lord did choose, He hath cast them
off? and they contemn My people, that
they should be no more a nation before
them. 25Thus saith the Lord: If My
covenant be not with day and night, if
I have not appointed the ordinances of
heaven and earth; 26then will I also
cast away the seed of Jacob, and of
David My servant, so that I will not
take of his seed to be rulers over the
seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; for
I will cause their captivity to return,
and will have compassion on them.'

34 The word which came unto
Jeremiah from the Lord, when
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and
all his army, and all the kingdoms of
the land of his dominion, and all the
peoples, fought against Jerusalem, and
against all the cities thereof, saying:
2Thus saith the Lord, the God of
Israel: Go, and speak to Zedekiah king
of Judah, and tell him: Thus saith the
Lord: Behold, I will give this city into
the hand of the king of Babylon, and
he shall burn it with fire; 3and thou
shalt not escape out of his hand, but
shalt surely be taken, and delivered
into his hand; and thine eyes shall
behold the eyes of the king of
Babylon, and he shall speak with thee
mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to
Babylon. 4Yet hear the word of the
Lord, O Zedekiah king of Judah: Thus
saith the Lord concerning thee: Thou
shalt not die by the sword; 5thou shalt
die in peace; and with the burnings of
thy fathers, the former kings that were
before thee, so shall they make a
burning for thee; and they shall lament

thee: 'Ah lord! ' for I have spoken the
word, saith the Lord.

[6]Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke
all these words unto Zedekiah king of
Judah in Jerusalem, [7]when the king of
Babylon's army fought against
Jerusalem, and against all the cities of
Judah that were left, against Lachish
and against Azekah; for these alone
remained of the cities of Judah as
fortified cities.

[8]The word that came unto Jeremiah
from the Lord, after that the king
Zedekiah had made a covenant with all
the people that were at Jerusalem, to
proclaim liberty unto them; [9]that every
man should let his manservant, and
every man his maidservant, being a
Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, go
free; that none should make bondmen
of them, even of a Jew his brother;
[10]and all the princes and all the people
hearkened, that had entered into the
covenant to let every one his man-
servant, and every one his maid-
servant, go free, and not to make
bondmen of them any more; they
hearkened, and let them go; [11]but
afterwards they turned, and caused the
servants and the handmaids, whom
they had let go free, to return, and
brought them into subjection for
servants and for handmaids;
[12]therefore the word of the Lord came
to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying:

[13]Thus saith the Lord, the God of
Israel: I made a covenant with your
fathers in the day that I brought them
forth out of the land of Egypt, out of
the house of bondage, saying: [14]'At the
end of seven years ye shall let go
every man his brother that is a
Hebrew, that hath been sold unto thee,
and hath served thee six years, thou
shalt let him go free from thee'; but
your fathers hearkened not unto Me,
neither inclined their ear. [15]And ye
were now turned, and had done that
which is right in Mine eyes, in
proclaiming liberty every man to his
neighbour; and ye had made a
covenant before Me in the house
whereon My name is called; [16]but ye
turned and profaned My name, and
caused every man his servant, and
every man his handmaid, whom ye had
let go free at their pleasure, to return;
and ye brought them into subjection, to
be unto you for servants and for
handmaids. [17]Therefore thus saith the
Lord: Ye have not hearkened unto Me,
to proclaim liberty, every man to his
brother, and every man to his
neighbour; behold, I proclaim for you
a liberty, saith the Lord, unto the
sword, unto the pestilence, and unto
the famine; and I will make you a
horror unto all the kingdoms of the
earth. [18]And I will give the men that
have transgressed My covenant, that
have not performed the words of the
covenant which they made before Me,
when they cut the calf in twain and
passed between the parts thereof; [19]the
princes of Judah, and the princes of
Jerusalem, the officers, and the priests,
and all the people of the land, that
passed between the parts of the calf;

[20]I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life; and their dead bodies shall be for food unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. [21]And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, that are gone up from you. [22]Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

35 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying: [2]'Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink.' [3]Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; [4]and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door; [5]and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites goblets full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them: 'Drink ye wine.' [6]But they said: 'We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying: Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, for ever; [7]neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in tents, that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn. [8]And we have hearkened to the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; [9]nor to build houses for us to dwell in, neither to have vineyard, or field, or seed; [10]but we have dwelt in tents, and have hearkened, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. [11]But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up against the land, that we said: Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Arameans; so we dwell at Jerusalem.'

[12]Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying: [13]'Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Go, and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to My words? saith the LORD. [14]The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed, and unto this day they drink none, for they hearken to their father's commandment; but I have spoken unto

you, speaking betimes and often, and
ye have not hearkened unto Me. [15]I
have sent also unto you all My
servants the prophets, sending them
betimes and often, saying: Return ye
now every man from his evil way, and
amend your doings, and go not after
other gods to serve them, and ye shall
dwell in the land which I have given to
you and to your fathers; but ye have
not inclined your ear, nor hearkened
unto Me. [16]Because the sons of
Jonadab the son of Rechab have
performed the commandment of their
father which he commanded them, but
this people hath not hearkened unto
Me; [17]therefore thus saith the Lord, the
God of hosts, the God of Israel:
Behold, I will bring upon Judah and
upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
all the evil that I have pronounced
against them; because I have spoken
unto them, but they have not heard,
and I have called unto them, but they
have not answered.'

[18]And unto the house of the
Rechabites Jeremiah said: Thus saith
the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:
Because ye have hearkened to the
commandment of Jonadab your father,
and kept all his precepts, and done
according unto all that he commanded
you; [19]therefore thus saith the Lord of
hosts, the God of Israel: There shall
not be cut off unto Jonadab the son of
Rechab a man to stand before Me for
ever.'

# 36

And it came to pass in the
fourth year of Jehoiakim the
son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this
word came unto Jeremiah from the
Lord, saying: [2]'Take thee a roll of a
book, and write therein all the words
that I have spoken unto thee against
Israel, and against Judah, and against
all the nations, from the day I spoke
unto thee, from the days of Josiah,
even unto this day. [3]It may be that the
house of Judah will hear all the evil
which I purpose to do unto them; that
they may return every man from his
evil way, and I may forgive their
iniquity and their sin.'

[4]Then Jeremiah called Baruch the
son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from
the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of
the Lord, which He had spoken unto
him, upon a roll of a book. [5]And
Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying:
'I am detained, I cannot go into the
house of the Lord; [6]therefore go thou,
and read in the roll, which thou hast
written from my mouth, the words of
the Lord in the ears of the people in
the Lord'S house upon a fast-day; and
also thou shalt read them in the ears of
all Judah that come out of their cities.
[7]It may be they will present their
supplication before the Lord, and will
return every one from his evil way; for
great is the anger and the fury that the
Lord hath pronounced against this
people.' [8]And Baruch the son of
Neriah did according to all that
Jeremiah the prophet commanded him,

reading in the book the words of the
LORD in the LORD'S house.
[9]Now it came to pass in the fifth
year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,
king of Judah, in the ninth month, that
they proclaimed a fast before the LORD,
all the people in Jerusalem, and all the
people that came from the cities of
Judah unto Jerusalem. [10]Then did
Baruch read in the book the words of
Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in
the chamber of Gemariah the son of
Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court,
at the entry of the new gate of the
LORD'S house, in the ears of all the
people. [11]And when Micaiah the son of
Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had
heard out of the book all the words of
the LORD, [12]he went down into the
king's house, into the scribe's
chamber; and, lo, all the princes sat
there, even Elishama the scribe, and
Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and
Elnathan the son of Achbor, and
Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and
Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all
the princes. [13]Then Micaiah declared
unto them all the words that he had
heard, when Baruch read the book in
the ears of the people. [14]Therefore all
the princes sent Jehudi the son of
Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the
son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying:
'Take in thy hand the roll wherein thou
hast read in the ears of the people, and
come.' So Baruch the son of Neriah
took the roll in his hand, and came
unto them. [15]And they said unto him:
'Sit down now, and read it in our ears.'
So Baruch read it in their ears. [16]Now
it came to pass, when they had heard
all the words, they turned in fear one
toward another, and said unto Baruch:
'We will surely tell the king of all
these words.' [17]And they asked
Baruch, saying: 'Tell us now: How
didst thou write all these words at his
mouth?' [18]Then Baruch answered
them: 'He pronounced all these words
unto me with his mouth, and I wrote
them with ink in the book.' [19]Then said
the princes unto Baruch: 'Go, hide
thee, thou and Jeremiah, and let no
man know where ye are.' [20]And they
went in to the king into the court; but
they had deposited the roll in the
chamber of Elishama the scribe; and
they told all the words in the ears of
the king. [21]So the king sent Jehudi to
fetch the roll; and he took it out of the
chamber of Elishama the scribe. And
Jehudi read it in the ears of the king,
and in the ears of all the princes that
stood beside the king. [22]Now the king
was sitting in the winter-house in the
ninth month; and the brazier was
burning before him. [23]And it came to
pass, when Jehudi had read three or
four columns, that he cut it with the
penknife, and cast it into the fire that
was in the brazier, until all the roll was
consumed in the fire that was in the
brazier. [24]Yet they were not afraid, nor
rent their garments, neither the king,
nor any of his servants that heard all
these words. [25]Moreover Elnathan and
Delaiah and Gemariah had entreated
the king not to burn the roll; but he

would not hear them. 26 And the king
commanded Jerahmeel the king’s son,
and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and
Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take
Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the
prophet; but the LORD hid them.

27 Then the word of the LORD came to
Jeremiah, after that the king had
burned the roll, and the words which
Baruch wrote at the mouth of
Jeremiah, saying: 28 ’Take thee again
another roll, and write in it all the
former words that were in the first roll,
which Jehoiakim the king of Judah
hath burned. 29 And concerning
Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt
say: Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast
burned this roll, saying: Why hast thou
written therein, saying: The king of
Babylon shall certainly come and
destroy this land, and shall cause to
cease from thence man and beast?
30 Therefore thus saith the LORD
concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah:
He shall have none to sit upon the
throne of David; and his dead body
shall be cast out in the day to the heat,
and in the night to the frost. 31 And I
will visit upon him and his seed and
his servants their iniquity; and I will
bring upon them, and upon the
inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the
men of Judah, all the evil that I have
pronounced against them, but they
hearkened not.’

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll,
and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the
son of Neriah; who wrote therein from
the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of
the book which Jehoiakim king of
Judah had burned in the fire; and there
were added besides unto them many
like words.

# 37

And Zedekiah the son of
Josiah reigned as king, instead
of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made
king in the land of Judah. 2 But neither
he, nor his servants, nor the people of
the land, did hearken unto the words of
the LORD, which He spoke by the
prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal
the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah
the son of Maaseiah the priest, to the
prophet Jeremiah, saying: ‘Pray now
unto the LORD our God for us.’ 4 Now
Jeremiah came in and went out among
the people; for they had not put him
into prison. 5 And Pharaoh’s army was
come forth out of Egypt; and when the
Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem
heard tidings of them, they broke up
from Jerusalem. 6 Then came the word
of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah,
saying: 7 ’Thus saith the LORD, the God
of Israel: Thus shall ye say to the king
of Judah, that sent you unto Me to
inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh’s
army, which is come forth to help you,
shall return to Egypt into their own
land. 8 And the Chaldeans shall return,
and fight against this city; and they
shall take it, and burn it with fire.
9 Thus saith the LORD: Deceive not
yourselves, saying: The Chaldeans
shall surely depart from us; for they

shall not depart. [10]For though ye had
smitten the whole army of the
Chaldeans that fight against you, and
there remained but wounded men
among them, yet would they rise up
every man in his tent, and burn this
city with fire.'

[11]And it came to pass, that when the
army of the Chaldeans was broken up
from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's
army, [12]then Jeremiah went forth out
of Jerusalem to go into the land of
Benjamin, to receive his portion there,
in the midst of the people. [13]And when
he was in the gate of Benjamin, a
captain of the ward was there, whose
name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah,
the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold
on Jeremiah the prophet, saying:
'Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans.'
[14]Then said Jeremiah: 'It is false; I fall
not away to the Chaldeans'; but he
hearkened not to him; so Irijah laid
hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to
the princes. [15]And the princes were
wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him,
and put him in prison in the house of
Jonathan the scribe; for they had made
that the prison.

[16]When Jeremiah was come into the
dungeon-house, and into the cells, and
Jeremiah had remained there many
days; [17]then Zedekiah the king sent,
and fetched him; and the king asked
him secretly in his house, and said: 'Is
there any word from the LORD?' And
Jeremiah said: 'There is.' He said also:
'Thou shalt be delivered into the hand
of the king of Babylon.' [18]Moreover
Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah:
'Wherein have I sinned against thee, or
against thy servants, or against this
people, that ye have put me in prison?
[19]Where now are your prophets that
prophesied unto you, saying: The king
of Babylon shall not come against you,
nor against this land? [20]And now hear,
I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my
supplication, I pray thee, be presented
before thee; that thou cause me not to
return to the house of Jonathan the
scribe, lest I die there.' [21]Then
Zedekiah the king commanded, and
they committed Jeremiah into the court
of the guard, and they gave him daily a
loaf of bread out of the bakers'street,
until all the bread in the city was spent.
Thus Jeremiah remained in the court
of the guard.

38 And Shephatiah the son of
Mattan, and Gedaliah the son
of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of
Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of
Malchiah, heard the words that
Jeremiah spoke unto all the people,
saying: [2]'Thus saith the LORD: He that
remaineth in this city shall die by the
sword, by the famine, and by the
pestilence; but he that goeth forth to
the Chaldeans shall live, and his life
shall be unto him for a prey, and he
shall live. [3]Thus saith the LORD: This
city shall surely be given into the hand
of the army of the king of Babylon,
and he shall take it.' [4]Then the princes
said unto the king: 'Let this man, we
pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch
as he weakeneth the hands of the men

of war that remain in this city, and the
hands of all the people, in speaking
such words unto them; for this man
seeketh not the welfare of this people,
but the hurt.’ [5]Then Zedekiah the king
said: ‘Behold, he is in your hand; for
the king is not he that can do any thing
against you.’ [6]Then took they
Jeremiah, and cast him into the pit of
Malchiah the king’s son, that was in
the court of the guard; and they let
down Jeremiah with cords. And in the
pit there was no water, but mire; and
Jeremiah sank in the mire.

[7]Now when Ebed-melech the
Ethiopian, an officer, who was in the
king’s house, heard that they had put
Jeremiah in the pit; the king then
sitting in the gate of Benjamin; [8]Ebed-
melech went forth out of the king’s
house, and spoke to the king, saying:
[9]’My lord the king, these men have
done evil in all that they have done to
Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have
cast into the pit; and he is like to die in
the place where he is because of the
famine; for there is no more bread in
the city.’ [10]Then the king commanded
Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying:
‘Take from hence thirty men with thee,
and take up Jeremiah the prophet out
of the pit, before he die.’ [11]So Ebed-
melech took the men with him, and
went into the house of the king under
the treasury, and took thence worn
clouts and worn rags, and let them
down by cords into the pit to Jeremiah.
[12]And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said
unto Jeremiah: ‘Put now these worn
clouts and rags under thine armholes
under the cords.’ And Jeremiah did so.
[13]So they drew up Jeremiah with the
cords, and took him up out of the pit;
and Jeremiah remained in the court of
the guard.

[14]Then Zedekiah the king sent, and
took Jeremiah the prophet unto him
into the third entry that was in the
house of the LORD; and the king said
unto Jeremiah: ‘I will ask thee a thing;
hide nothing from me.’ [15]Then
Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah: ‘If I
declare it unto thee, wilt thou not
surely put me to death? and if I give
thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken
unto me.’ [16]So Zedekiah the king
swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying:
‘As the LORD liveth, that made us this
soul, I will not put thee to death,
neither will I give thee into the hand of
these men that seek thy life.’

[17]Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah:
‘Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts,
the God of Israel: If thou wilt go forth
unto the king of Babylon’s princes,
then thy soul shall live, and this city
shall not be burned with fire; and thou
shalt live, thou, and thy house; [18]but if
thou wilt not go forth to the king of
Babylon’s princes, then shall this city
be given into the hand of the
Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with
fire, and thou shalt not escape out of
their hand.’ [19]And Zedekiah the king
said unto Jeremiah: ‘I am afraid of the
Jews that are fallen away to the
Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into
their hand, and they mock me.’ [20]But

Jeremiah said: 'They shall not deliver
thee. Hearken, I beseech thee, to the
voice of the LORD, in that which I
speak unto thee; so it shall be well
with thee, and thy soul shall live. [21]But
if thou refuse to go forth, this is the
word that the LORD hath shown me:
[22]Behold, all the women that are left in
the king of Judah's house shall be
brought forth to the king of Babylon's
princes, and those women shall say:

Thy familiar friends have set thee
on,
And have prevailed over thee;
Thy feet are sunk in the mire,
And they are turned away back.

[23]And they shall bring out all thy
wives and thy children to the
Chaldeans; and thou shalt not escape
out of their hand, but shalt be taken by
the hand of the king of Babylon; and
thou shalt cause this city to be burned
with fire.'

[24]Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah:
'Let no man know of these words, and
thou shalt not die. [25]But if the princes
hear that I have talked with thee, and
they come unto thee, and say unto
thee: Declare unto us now what thou
hast said unto the king; hide it not
from us, and we will not put thee to
death; also what the king said unto
thee; [26]then thou shalt say unto them: I
presented my supplication before the
king, that he would not cause me to
return to Jonathan's house, to die
there.' [27]Then came all the princes
unto Jeremiah, and asked him; and he
told them according to all these words
that the king had commanded. So they
left off speaking with him; for the
matter was not reported. [28]So Jeremiah
abode in the court of the guard until
the day that Jerusalem was taken.

And it came to pass, when
39 Jerusalem was taken—[1]in the
ninth year of Zedekiah king of
Judah, in the tenth month, came
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and
all his army against Jerusalem, and
besieged it; [2]in the eleventh year of
Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the
ninth day of the month, a breach was
made in the city— [3]that all the princes
of the king of Babylon came in, and
sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-
sarezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim
[a]Rab-saris, Nergal-sarezer [a]Rab-mag,
with all the residue of the princes of
the king of Babylon. [4]And it came to
pass, that when Zedekiah the king of
Judah and all the men of war saw
them, then they fled, and went forth
out of the city by night, by the way of
the king's garden, by the gate betwixt
the two walls; and he went out the way
of the Arabah. [5]But the army of the
Chaldeans pursued after them, and
overtook Zedekiah in the plains of
Jericho; and when they had taken him,
they brought him up to
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to
Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he
gave judgment upon him. [6]Then the
king of Babylon slew the sons of
Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes;

[a] Titles of officers.

also the king of Babylon slew all the
nobles of Judah. [7]Moreover he put out
Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in
fetters, to carry him to Babylon. [8]And
the Chaldeans burned the king's
house, and the house of the people,
with fire, and broke down the walls of
Jerusalem. [9]Then Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard carried away
captive into Babylon the remnant of
the people that remained in the city,
the deserters also, that fell away to
him, with the rest of the people that
remained. [10]But Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard left of the poor of
the people, that had nothing, in the
land of Judah, and gave them
vineyards and fields in that day. [11]Now
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave
charge concerning Jeremiah to
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard,
saying: [12]'Take him, and look well to
him, and do him no harm; but do unto
him even as he shall say unto thee.'
[13]So Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard sent, and Nebushazban Rab-
saris, and Nergal-sarezer Rab-mag,
and all the chief officers of the king of
Babylon; [14]they sent, and took
Jeremiah out of the court of the guard,
and committed him unto Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,
that he should carry him home; so he
dwelt among the people.

[15]Now the word of the LORD came
unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in
the court of the guard, saying: [16]'Go,
and speak to Ebed-melech the
Ethiopian, saying: Thus saith the LORD
of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I
will bring My words upon this city for
evil, and not for good; and they shall
be accomplished before thee in that
day. [17]But I will deliver thee in that
day, saith the LORD; and thou shalt not
be given into the hand of the men of
whom thou art afraid. [18]For I will
surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not
fall by the sword, but thy life shall be
for a prey unto thee; because thou hast
put thy trust in Me, saith the LORD.'

40 The word which came to
Jeremiah from the LORD, after
that Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard had let him go from Ramah,
when he had taken him being bound in
chains among all the captives of
Jerusalem and Judah, that were carried
away captive unto Babylon. [2]And the
captain of the guard took Jeremiah,
and said unto him: 'The LORD thy God
pronounced this evil upon this place;
[3]and the LORD hath brought it, and
done according as He spoke; because
ye have sinned against the LORD, and
have not hearkened to His voice,
therefore this thing is come upon you.
[4]And now, behold, I loose thee this
day from the chains which are upon
thy hand. If it seem good unto thee to
come with me into Babylon, come,
and I will look well unto thee; but if it
seem ill unto thee to come with me
into Babylon, forbear; behold, all the
land is before thee; whither it seemeth
good and right unto thee to go, thither
go.—[5]Yet he would not go back.—Go

back then to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth right unto thee to go.’ So the captain of the guard gave him an allowance and a present, and let him go. 6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; 8 then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. 9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan swore unto them and to their men, saying: ‘Fear not to serve the Chaldeans; dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. 10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans that may come unto us; but ye, gather ye wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.’ 11 Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; 12 then all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits in great abundance.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14 and said unto him: ‘Dost thou know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take thy life?’ But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spoke to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying: ‘Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it; wherefore should he take thy life, that all the Jews that are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish?’ 16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah: ‘Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.’

41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and one of

the chief officers of the king, and ten
men with him, came unto Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there
they did eat bread together in Mizpah.
2 Then arose Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, and the ten men that were
with him, and smote Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the
sword, and slew him, whom the king
of Babylon had made governor over
the land. 3 Ishmael also slew all the
Jews that were with him, even with
Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the
Chaldeans that were found there, even
the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day
after he had slain Gedaliah, and no
man knew it, 5 that there came certain
men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and
from Samaria, even fourscore men,
having their beards shaven and their
clothes rent, and having cut
themselves, with meal-offerings and
frankincense in their hand to bring
them to the house of the Lord. 6 And
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went
forth from Mizpah to meet them,
weeping all along as he went; and it
came to pass, as he met them, he said
unto them: ‘Come to Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam.’ 7 And it was so, when they
came into the midst of the city, that
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew
them, and cast them into the midst of
the pit, he, and the men that were with
him. 8 But ten men were found among
them that said unto Ishmael: ‘Slay us
not; for we have stores hidden in the
field, of wheat, and of barley, and of
oil, and of honey.’ So he forbore, and
slew them not among their brethren.
9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all
the dead bodies of the men whom he
had slain by the side of Gedaliah was
that which Asa the king had made for
fear of Baasa king of Israel; the same
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled
with them that were slain. 10 Then
Ishmael carried away captive all the
residue of the people that were in
Mizpah, even the king’s daughters,
and all the people that remained in
Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard had committed to
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah carried them
away captive, and departed to go over
to the children of Ammon.

11 But when Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces that were with him, heard of all
the evil that Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah had done, 12 then they took
all the men, and went to fight with
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and
found him by the great waters that are
in Gibeon. 13 Now it came to pass, that
when all the people that were with
Ishmael saw Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces that were with him, then they
were glad. 14 So all the people that
Ishmael had carried away captive from
Mizpah cast about and returned, and
went unto Johanan the son of Kareah.
15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah
escaped from Johanan with eight men,
and went to the children of Ammon.

[16]Then took Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces that were with him, all the
remnant of the people whom he had
recovered from Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he
had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,
the men, even the men of war, and the
women, and the children, and the
officers, whom he had brought back
from Gibeon; [17]and they departed, and
dwelt in Geruth Chimham, which is by
Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt,
[18]because of the Chaldeans; for they
were afraid of them, because Ishmael
the son of Nethaniah had slain
Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom
the king of Babylon made governor
over the land.

42 Then all the captains of the
forces, and Johanan the son of
Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of
Hoshaiah, and all the people from the
least even unto the greatest, came near,
[2]and said unto Jeremiah the prophet:
‘Let, we pray thee, our supplication be
accepted before thee, and pray for us
unto the Lord thy God, even for all
this remnant; for we are left but a few
of many, as thine eyes do behold us;
[3]that the Lord thy God may tell us the
way wherein we should walk, and the
thing that we should do.’ [4]Then
Jeremiah the prophet said unto them:
‘I have heard you; behold, I will pray
unto the Lord your God according to
your words; and it shall come to pass,
that whatsoever thing the Lord shall
answer you, I will declare it unto you;
I will keep nothing back from you.’
[5]Then they said to Jeremiah: ‘The
Lord be a true and faithful witness
against us, if we do not even according
to all the word wherewith the Lord thy
God shall send thee to us. [6]Whether it
be good, or whether it be evil, we will
hearken to the voice of the Lord our
God, to whom we send thee; that it
may be well with us, when we hearken
to the voice of the Lord our God.’

[7]And it came to pass after ten days,
that the word of the Lord came unto
Jeremiah. [8]Then called he Johanan the
son of Kareah, and all the captains of
the forces that were with him, and all
the people from the least even to the
greatest, [9]and said unto them: ‘Thus
saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto
whom ye sent me to present your
supplication before Him: [10]If ye will
still abide in this land, then will I build
you, and not pull you down, and I will
plant you, and not pluck you up; for I
repent Me of the evil that I have done
unto you. [11]Be not afraid of the king of
Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be
not afraid of him, saith the Lord; for I
am with you to save you, and to
deliver you from his hand. [12]And I will
grant you compassion, that he may
have compassion upon you, and cause
you to return to your own land. [13]But if
ye say: We will not abide in this land;
so that ye hearken not to the voice of
the Lord your God; [14]saying: No; but
we will go into the land of Egypt,
where we shall see no war, nor hear
the sound of the horn, nor have hunger

of bread; and there will we abide;
[15]now therefore hear ye the word of
the LORD, O remnant of Judah: Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel: If ye wholly set your faces to
enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn
there; [16]then it shall come to pass, that
the sword, which ye fear, shall
overtake you there in the land of
Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are
afraid, shall follow hard after you there
in Egypt; and there ye shall die. [17]So
shall it be with all the men that set
their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn
there; they shall die by the sword, by
the famine, and by the pestilence; and
none of them shall remain or escape
from the evil that I will bring upon
them. [18]For thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel: As Mine
anger and My fury hath been poured
forth upon the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, so shall My fury be poured
forth upon you, when ye shall enter
into Egypt; and ye shall be an
execration, and an astonishment, and a
curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see
this place no more. [19]The LORD hath
spoken concerning you, O remnant of
Judah: Go ye not into Egypt; know
certainly that I have forewarned you
this day. [20]For ye have dealt
deceitfully against your own souls; for
ye sent me unto the LORD your God,
saying: Pray for us unto the LORD our
God; and according unto all that the
LORD our God shall say, so declare
unto us, and we will do it; [21]and I have
this day declared it to you; but ye have
not hearkened to the voice of the LORD
your God in any thing for which He
hath sent me unto you. [22]Now
therefore know certainly that ye shall
die by the sword, by the famine, and
by the pestilence, in the place whither
ye desire to go to sojourn there.'

43 And it came to pass, that when
Jeremiah had made an end of
speaking unto all the people all the
words of the LORD their God,
wherewith the LORD their God had sent
him to them, even all these words,
[2]then spoke Azariah the son of
Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the proud men, saying
unto Jeremiah: 'Thou speakest falsely;
the LORD our God hath not sent thee to
say: Ye shall not go into Egypt to
sojourn there; [3]but Baruch the son of
Neriah setteth thee on against us, to
deliver us into the hand of the
Chaldeans, that they may put us to
death, and carry us away captives to
Babylon.' [4]So Johanan the son of
Kareah, and all the captains of the
forces, and all the people, hearkened
not to the voice of the LORD, to dwell
in the land of Judah. [5]But Johanan the
son of Kareah, and all the captains of
the forces, took all the remnant of
Judah, that were returned from all the
nations whither they had been driven
to sojourn in the land of Judah: [6]the
men, and the women, and the children,
and the king's daughters, and every
person that Nebuzaradan the captain of
the guard had left with Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,

and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch
the son of Neriah; [7]and they came into
the land of Egypt; for they hearkened
not to the voice of the LORD; and they
came even to Tahpanhes.
[8]Then came the word of the LORD
unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying:
[9]'Take great stones in thy hand, and
hide them in the mortar in the
framework, which is at the entry of
Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the
sight of the men of Judah; [10]and say
unto them: Thus saith the LORD of
hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will
send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king
of Babylon, My servant, and will set
his throne upon these stones that I
have hid; and he shall spread his royal
pavilion over them. [11]And he shall
come, and shall smite the land of
Egypt; such as are for death to death,
and such as are for captivity to
captivity, and such as are for the sword
to the sword. [12]And I will kindle a fire
in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and
he shall burn them, and carry them
away captives; and he shall fold up the
land of Egypt, as a shepherd foldeth up
his garment; and he shall go forth from
thence in peace. [13]He shall also break
the pillars of Beth-shemesh, that is in
the land of Egypt; and the houses of
the gods of Egypt shall he burn with
fire.'

44 The word that came to
Jeremiah concerning all the
Jews that dwelt in the land of Egypt,
that dwelt at Migdol, and at
Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the
country of Pathros, saying: [2]'Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel: Ye have seen all the evil that I
have brought upon Jerusalem, and
upon all the cities of Judah; and,
behold, this day they are a desolation,
and no man dwelleth therein; [3]because
of their wickedness which they have
committed to provoke Me, in that they
went to offer, and to serve other gods,
whom they knew not, neither they, nor
ye, nor your fathers. [4]Howbeit I sent
unto you all My servants the prophets,
sending them betimes and often,
saying: Oh, do not this abominable
thing that I hate. [5]But they hearkened
not, nor inclined their ear to turn from
their wickedness, to forbear offering
unto other gods. [6]Wherefore My fury
and Mine anger was poured forth, and
was kindled in the cities of Judah and
in the streets of Jerusalem; and they
are wasted and desolate, as at this day.
[7]Therefore now thus saith the LORD,
the God of hosts, the God of Israel:
Wherefore commit ye this great evil
against your own souls, to cut off from
you man and woman, infant and
suckling, out of the midst of Judah, to
leave you none remaining; [8]in that ye
provoke Me with the works of your
hands, offering unto other gods in the
land of Egypt, whither ye are gone to
sojourn; that ye may be cut off, and
that ye may be a curse and a reproach
among all the nations of the earth?
[9]Have ye forgotten the wicked deeds
of your fathers, and the wicked deeds

of the kings of Judah, and the wicked
deeds of their wives, and your own
wicked deeds, and the wicked deeds of
your wives, which they committed in
the land of Judah, and in the streets of
Jerusalem? [10]They are not humbled
even unto this day, neither have they
feared, nor walked in My law, nor in
My statutes, that I set before you and
before your fathers. [11]Therefore thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel: Behold, I will set My face
against you for evil, even to cut off all
Judah. [12]And I will take the remnant of
Judah, that have set their faces to go
into the land of Egypt to sojourn there,
and they shall all be consumed; in the
land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall
be consumed by the sword and by the
famine; they shall die, from the least
even unto the greatest, by the sword
and by the famine; and they shall be an
execration, and an astonishment, and a
curse, and a reproach. [13]For I will
punish them that dwell in the land of
Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem,
by the sword, by the famine, and by
the pestilence; [14]so that none of the
remnant of Judah, that are gone into
the land of Egypt to sojourn there,
shall escape or remain, that they
should return into the land of Judah, to
which they have a desire to return to
dwell there; for none shall return save
such as shall escape.'

[15]Then all the men who knew that
their wives offered unto other gods,
and all the women that stood by, a
great assembly, even all the people
that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in
Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying:
[16]'As for the word that thou hast
spoken unto us in the name of the
LORD, we will not hearken unto thee.
[17]But we will certainly perform every
word that is gone forth out of our
mouth, to offer unto the queen of
heaven, and to pour out drink-
offerings unto her, as we have done,
we and our fathers, our kings and our
princes, in the cities of Judah, and in
the streets of Jerusalem; for then had
we plenty of food, and were well, and
saw no evil. [18]But since we let off to
offer to the queen of heaven, and to
pour out drink-offerings unto her, we
have wanted all things, and have been
consumed by the sword and by the
famine. [19]And is it we that offer to the
queen of heaven, and pour out drink-
offerings unto her? did we make her
cakes in her image, and pour out
drink-offerings unto her, without our
husbands?'

[20]Then Jeremiah said unto all the
people, to the men, and to the women,
even to all the people that had given
him that answer, saying: [21]'The
offering that ye offered in the cities of
Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem,
ye and your fathers, your kings and
your princes, and the people of the
land, did not the LORD remember them,
and came it not into His mind? [22]So
that the LORD could no longer bear,
because of the evil of your doings, and
because of the abominations which ye
have committed; therefore is your land

become a desolation, and an
astonishment, and a curse, without an
inhabitant, as at this day. 23Because ye
have offered, and because ye have
sinned against the Lord, and have not
hearkened to the voice of the Lord, nor
walked in His law, nor in His statutes,
nor in His testimonies; therefore this
evil is happened unto you, as at this
day.'

24Moreover Jeremiah said unto all
the people, and to all the women:
'Hear the word of the Lord, all Judah
that are in the land of Egypt: 25Thus
saith the Lord of hosts, the God of
Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have
both spoken with your mouths, and
with your hands have fulfilled it,
saying: We will surely perform our
vows that we have vowed, to offer to
the queen of heaven, and to pour out
drink-offerings unto her; ye shall
surely establish your vows, and surely
perform your vows. 26Therefore hear
ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that
dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I
have sworn by My great name, saith
the Lord, that My name shall no more
be named in the mouth of any man of
Judah in all the land of Egypt saying:
As the Lord God liveth. 27Behold, I
watch over them for evil, and not for
good; and all the men of Judah that are
in the land of Egypt shall be consumed
by the sword and by the famine, until
there be an end of them. 28And they
that escape the sword shall return out
of the land of Egypt into the land of
Judah, few in number; and all the
remnant of Judah, that are gone into
the land of Egypt to sojourn there,
shall know whose word shall stand,
Mine, or theirs. 29And this shall be the
sign unto you, saith the Lord, that I
will punish you in this place, that ye
may know that My words shall surely
stand against you for evil; 30thus saith
the Lord: Behold, I will give Pharaoh
Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of
his enemies, and into the hand of them
that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah
king of Judah into the hand of
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his
enemy, and that sought his life.'

45 The word that Jeremiah the
prophet spoke unto Baruch the
son of Neriah, when he wrote these
words in a book at the mouth of
Jeremiah, in the fourth year of
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of
Judah, saying: 2'Thus saith the Lord,
the God of Israel, concerning thee, O
Baruch: Thou didst say:

3Woe is me now!
For the Lord hath added sorrow to my pain;
I am weary with my groaning,
And I find no rest.

4Thus shalt thou say unto him:
Thus saith the Lord:

Behold, that which I have built will I break down,
And that which I have planted I will pluck up;
And this in the whole land.
5And seekest thou great things for thyself?

Seek them not;
for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD; but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.'

46 The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

2 Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-neco king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

3 Make ready buckler and shield,
And draw near to battle.
4 Harness the horses, and mount, ye horsemen,
And stand forth with your helmets;
Furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail.
5 Wherefore do I see them dismayed and turned backward?
And their mighty ones are beaten down,
And they are fled apace, and look not back;
Terror is on every side, saith the LORD.
6 The swift cannot flee away,
Nor the mighty man escape;
In the north by the river Euphrates
Have they stumbled and fallen.
7 Who is this like the Nile that riseth up,
Like the rivers whose waters toss themselves?
8 Egypt is like the Nile that riseth up,
And like the rivers whose waters toss themselves;
And he saith: 'I will rise up, I will cover the earth,
I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.'
9 Prance, ye horses, and rush madly, ye chariots;
And let the mighty men go forth:
Cush and Put, that handle the shield,
And the Ludim, that handle and bend the bow.

10 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall have on that day
A day of vengeance, that He may avenge Him of His adversaries;
And the sword shall devour and be satiate,
And shall be made drunk with their blood;
For the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice
In the north country by the river Euphrates.
11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm,
O virgin daughter of Egypt;
In vain dost thou use many medicines;
There is no cure for thee.
12 The nations have heard of thy shame,
And the earth is full of thy cry;
For the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty,
They are fallen both of them together.

13The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14Declare ye in Egypt, and announce in Migdol,
And announce in Noph and in Tahpanhes;
Say ye: ‘Stand forth, and prepare thee,
For the sword hath devoured round about thee.’
15Why is thy strong one overthrown?
He stood not, because the LORD did thrust him down.
16He made many to stumble;
Yea, they fell one upon another,
And said: ‘Arise, and let us return to our own people,
And to the land of our birth,
From the oppressing sword.’
17They cried there: ‘Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise;
He hath let the appointed time pass by.’
18As I live, saith the King,
Whose name is the LORD of hosts,
Surely like Tabor among the mountains,
And like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.
19O thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt,
Furnish thyself to go into captivity;
For Noph shall become a desolation,
And shall be laid waste, without inhabitant.
20Egypt is a very fair heifer;
But the gadfly out of the north is come, it is come.
21Also her mercenaries in the midst of her
Are like calves of the stall,
For they also are turned back, they are fled away together,
They did not stand;
For the day of their calamity is come upon them,
The time of their visitation.
22The sound thereof shall go like the serpent’s;
For they march with an army,
And come against her with axes,
As hewers of wood.
23They cut down her forest, saith the LORD,
Though it cannot be searched;
Because they are more than the locusts,
And are innumerable.
24The daughter of Egypt is put to shame;
She is delivered into the hand of the people of the north.

25The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
saith: Behold, I will punish Amon of
No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her
gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and
them that trust in him; 26and I will
deliver them into the hand of those that
seek their lives, and into the hand of
Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and
into the hand of his servants; and
afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in
the days of old, saith the LORD.

27But fear not thou, O Jacob My servant,
Neither be dismayed, O Israel;
For, lo, I will save thee from afar,
And thy seed from the land of their captivity;
And Jacob shall again be quiet and at ease,
And none shall make him afraid.
28Fear not thou, O Jacob My servant, saith the LORD,
For I am with thee;
For I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee,
But I will not make a full end of thee;
And I will correct thee in measure,
But will not utterly destroy thee.

47 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet con-cerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

2Thus saith the LORD:
Behold, waters rise up out of the north,
And shall become an overflowing stream,
And they shall overflow the land and all that is therein,
The city and them that dwell therein;
And the men shall cry,
And all the inhabitants of the land shall wail.
3At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones,
At the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels,
The fathers look not back to their children
For feebleness of hands;
4Because of the day that cometh
To spoil all the Philistines,
To cut off from Tyre and Zidon
Every helper that remaineth;
For the LORD will spoil the Philistines,
The remnant of the isle of Caphtor.
5Baldness is come upon Gaza,
Ashkelon is brought to nought, the remnant of their valley;
How long wilt thou cut thyself?
6O thou sword of the LORD,
How long will it be ere thou be quiet?
Put up thyself into thy scabbard,
Rest, and be still.
7How canst thou be quiet?
For the LORD hath given it a charge;
Against Ashkelon, and against the sea-shore,
There hath He appointed it.

48 Of Moab.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled;
Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken;
Misgab is put to shame and dismayed.
2The praise of Moab is no more;
In Heshbon they have devised evil against her:

‘Come, and let us cut her off from
being a nation.’
Thou also, O Madmen, shalt be
brought to silence;
The sword shall pursue thee.
3 Hark! a cry from Horonaim,
Spoiling and great destruction!
4 Moab is destroyed;
Her little ones have caused a cry to
be heard.
5 For by the ascent of Luhith
With continual weeping shall they
go up;
For in the going down of Horonaim
They have heard the distressing cry
of destruction.
6 Flee, save your lives,
And be like a tamarisk in the
wilderness.

7 For, because thou hast trusted
In thy works and in thy treasures,
Thou also shalt be taken;
And Chemosh shall go forth into
captivity,
His priests and his princes together.
8 And the spoiler shall come upon
every city,
And no city shall escape;
The valley also shall perish, and the
plain shall be destroyed;
As the Lord hath spoken.
9 Give wings unto Moab,
For she must fly and get away;
And her cities shall become a
desolation,
Without any to dwell therein.
10 Cursed be he that doeth the work
of the Lord with a slack hand,
And cursed be he that keepeth back
his sword from blood.
11 Moab hath been at ease from his
youth,
And he hath settled on his lees,
And hath not been emptied from
vessel to vessel,
Neither hath he gone into captivity;
Therefore his taste remaineth in
him,
And his scent is not changed.
12 Therefore, behold, the days come,
Saith the Lord,
That I will send unto him them that
tilt up,
And they shall tilt him up;
And they shall empty his vessels,
And break their bottles in pieces.
13 And Moab shall be ashamed of
Chemosh,
As the house of Israel was ashamed
Of Beth-el their confidence.

14 How say ye: ‘We are mighty men,
And valiant men for the war’?
15 Moab is spoiled, and they are gone
up into her cities,
And his chosen young men are gone
down to the slaughter,
Saith the King,
Whose name is the Lord of hosts.
16 The calamity of Moab is near to
come,
And his affliction hasteth fast.
17 Bemoan him, all ye that are round
about him,
And all ye that know his name;
Say: ‘How is the strong staff
broken,

The beautiful rod! '
18O thou daughter that dwellest in
Dibon,
Come down from thy glory, and sit
in thirst;
For the spoiler of Moab is come up
against thee,
He hath destroyed thy strongholds.
19O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the
way, and watch;
Ask him that fleeth, and her that
escapeth;
Say: 'What hath been done?'
20Moab is put to shame, for it is
dismayed;
Wail and cry;
Tell ye it in Arnon,
That Moab is spoiled.

21And judgment is come upon the
country of the Plain; upon Holon, and
upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath;
22and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and
upon Beth-diblathaim; 23and upon
Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and
upon Beth-meon; 24and upon Kerioth,
and upon Bozrah, and upon all the
cities of the land of Moab, far or near.

25The horn of Moab is cut off,
And his arm is broken,
Saith the Lord.
26Make ye him drunken,
For he magnified himself against the
Lord;
And Moab shall wallow in his
vomit,
And he also shall be in derision.
27For was not Israel a derision unto
thee?
Was he found among thieves?
For as often as thou speakest of him,
Thou waggest the head.
28O ye that dwell in Moab,
Leave the cities, and dwell in the
rock;
And be like the dove that maketh
her nest
In the sides of the pit's mouth.

29We have heard of the pride of
Moab;
He is very proud;
His loftiness, and his pride, and his
haughtiness,
And the assumption of his heart.
30I know his arrogancy, saith the
Lord,
That it is ill-founded;
His boastings have wrought nothing
well-founded.
31Therefore will I wail for Moab;
Yea, I will cry out for all Moab;
For the men of Kir-heres shall my
heart moan.
32With more than the weeping of
Jazer will I weep for thee,
O vine of Sibmah;
Thy branches passed over the sea,
They reached even to the sea of
Jazer;
Upon thy summer fruits and upon
thy vintage
The spoiler is fallen.
33And gladness and joy is taken
away
From the fruitful field, and from the
land of Moab;
And I have caused wine to cease
from the winepresses;

None shall tread with shouting;
The shouting shall be no shouting.
34 From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh,
Even unto Jahaz have they uttered their voice,
From Zoar even unto Horonaim,
A heifer of three years old;
For the Waters of Nimrim also
Shall be desolate.

35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab,
Saith the LORD,
Him that offereth in the high place,
And him that offereth to his gods.
36 Therefore my heart moaneth for Moab
Like pipes, and my heart moaneth like pipes for the men of Kir-heres;
Therefore the abundance that he hath gotten is perished.
37 For every head is bald,
And every beard clipped;
Upon all the hands are cuttings,
And upon the loins sackcloth.
38 On all the housetops of Moab and in the broad places thereof
There is lamentation every where;
For I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure,
Saith the LORD.
39 'How is it broken down! ' wail ye!
'How hath Moab turned the back with shame! '
So shall Moab become a derision and a dismay
To all that are round about him.

40 For thus saith the LORD:
Behold, he shall swoop as a vulture,
And shall spread out his wings against Moab.
41 The cities are taken,
And the strongholds are seized,
And the heart of the mighty men of Moab at that day
Shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.
42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people,
Because he hath magnified himself against the LORD.
43 Terror, and the pit, and the trap,
Are upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab,
Saith the LORD.
44 He that fleeth from the terror
Shall fall into the pit;
And he that getteth up out of the pit
Shall be taken in the trap;
For I will bring upon her, even upon Moab,
The year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

45 In the shadow of Heshbon the fugitives
Stand without strength;
For a fire is gone forth out of Heshbon,
And a flame from the midst of Sihon,
And it devoureth the corner of Moab,
And the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.

46 Woe unto thee, O Moab!
The people of Chemosh is undone;
For thy sons are taken away captive,
And thy daughters into captivity.
47 Yet will I turn the captivity of Moab
In the end of days, saith the LORD.

Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

# 49

Of the children of Ammon.

Thus saith the LORD:
Hath Israel no sons?
Hath he no heir?
Why then doth Malcam take possession of Gad,
And his people dwell in the cities thereof?
2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will cause an alarm of war to be heard
Against Rabbah of the children of Ammon;
And it shall become a desolate mound,
And her daughters shall be burned with fire;
Then shall Israel dispossess them that did dispossess him,
Saith the LORD.
3 Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is undone;
Cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth;
Lament, and run to and fro among the folds;
For Malcam shall go into captivity,
His priests and his princes together.
4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys,
Thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter?
That didst trust in thy treasures:
'Who shall come unto me?'
5 Behold, I will bring a terror upon thee,
Saith the Lord GOD of hosts,
From all that are round about thee;
And ye shall be driven out every man right forth,
And there shall be none to gather up him that wandereth.
6 But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon,
Saith the LORD.

7 Of Edom.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
Is wisdom no more in Teman?
Is counsel perished from the prudent?
Is their wisdom vanished?
8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep,
O inhabitants of Dedan;
For I do bring the calamity of Esau upon him,
The time that I shall punish him.
9 If grape-gatherers came to thee,
Would they not leave some gleaning grapes?
If thieves by night,
Would they not destroy till they had enough?
10 But I have made Esau bare,
I have uncovered his secret places,

And he shall not be able to hide himself;
His seed is spoiled, and his brethren,
And his neighbours, and he is not.
11Leave thy fatherless children, I will rear them,
And let thy widows trust in Me.
12For thus saith the LORD: Behold, they
to whom it pertained not to drink of
the cup shall assuredly drink; and art
thou he that shall altogether go
unpunished? thou shalt not go
unpunished, but thou shalt surely
drink. 13For I have sworn by Myself,
saith the LORD, that Bozrah shall
become an astonishment, a reproach, a
waste, and a curse; and all the cities
thereof shall be perpetual wastes.
14I have heard a message from the LORD,
And an ambassador is sent among the nations:
'Gather yourselves together, and come against her,
And rise up to the battle.'
15For, behold, I make thee small among the nations,
And despised among men.
16Thy terribleness hath deceived thee,
Even the pride of thy heart,
O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
That holdest the height of the hill;
Though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle,
I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.
17And Edom shall become an astonishment;
Every one that passeth by it
Shall be astonished and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.
18As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah
And the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD,
No man shall abide there,
Neither shall any son of man dwell therein.
19Behold, he shall come up like a lion From the thickets of the Jordan
Against the strong habitation;
For I will suddenly make him run away from it,
And whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over it;
For who is like Me? and who will appoint Me a time?
And who is that shepherd that will stand before Me?
20Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD,
That He hath taken against Edom;
And His purposes, that He hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman:
Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away,
Surely their habitation shall be appalled at them.
21The earth quaketh at the noise of their fall;
There is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red Sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and swoop down as the vulture,
And spread out his wings against Bozrah;
And the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day
Shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Of Damascus.

Hamath is ashamed, and Arpad;
For they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away;
There is trouble in the sea;
It cannot be quiet.
24 Damascus is waxed feeble, she turneth herself to flee,
And trembling hath seized on her;
Anguish and pangs have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail.
25 'How is the city of praise left unrepaired,
The city of my joy?'
26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her broad places,
And all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day,
Saith the Lord of hosts.
27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus,
And it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote.
Thus saith the Lord:
Arise ye, go up against Kedar,
And spoil the children of the east.
29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take,
They shall carry away for themselves their curtains,
And all their vessels, and their camels;
And they shall proclaim against them a terror on every side.
30 Flee ye, flit far off, dwell deep,
O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the Lord;
For Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you,
And hath conceived a purpose against you.
31 Arise, get you up against a nation that is at ease,
That dwelleth without care, saith the Lord;
That have neither gates nor bars,
That dwell alone.
32 And their camels shall be a booty,
And the multitude of their cattle a spoil;
And I will scatter unto all winds them that have the corners polled;
And I will bring their calamity from every side of them, saith the Lord.
33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling-place of jackals,
A desolation for ever; no man shall abide there,
Neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

[34]The word of the LORD that came to
Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam
in the beginning of the reign of
Zedekiah king of Judah, saying:
[35]Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
Behold, I will break the bow of
Elam
The chief of their might.
[36]And I will bring against Elam the
four winds
From the four quarters of heaven,
And will scatter them toward all
those winds;
And there shall be no nation whither
the dispersed of Elam shall not
come.
[37]And I will cause Elam to be
dismayed before their enemies,
And before them that seek their life;
And I will bring evil upon them,
Even My fierce anger, saith the
LORD;
And I will send the sword after
them,
Till I have consumed them;
[38]And I will set My throne in Elam,
And will destroy from thence king
and princes, saith the LORD.
[39]But it shall come to pass in the end
of days,
That I will bring back the captivity
of Elam, saith the LORD.

## 50

The word that the LORD spoke concerning Babylon,
concerning the land of the Chaldeans,
by Jeremiah the prophet.
[2]Declare ye among the nations and
announce,
And set up a standard;
Announce, and conceal not;
Say: 'Babylon is taken,
Bel is put to shame, Merodach is
dismayed;
Her images are put to shame, her
idols are dismayed.'
[3]For out of the north there cometh
up a nation against her,
Which shall make her land desolate,
And none shall dwell therein;
They are fled, they are gone, both
man and beast.
[4]In those days, and in that time,
saith the LORD,
The children of Israel shall come,
They and the children of Judah
together;
They shall go on their way weeping,
And shall seek the LORD their God.
[5]They shall inquire concerning Zion
With their faces hitherward:
'Come ye, and join yourselves to the
LORD
In an everlasting covenant that shall
not be forgotten.'

[6]My people hath been lost sheep;
Their shepherds have caused them
to go astray,
They have turned them away on the
mountains;
They have gone from mountain to
hill,
They have forgotten their resting-
place.
[7]All that found them have devoured
them;

And their adversaries said: 'We are not guilty';
Because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice,
Even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.

8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon,
And go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans,
And be as the he-goats before the flocks.
9 For, lo, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon
An assembly of great nations from the north country;
And they shall set themselves in array against her,
From thence she shall be taken;
Their arrows shall be as of a mighty man that maketh childless;
None shall return in vain.
10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil;
All that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.
11 Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice,
O ye that plunder My heritage,
Because ye gambol as a heifer at grass,
And neigh as strong horses;
12 Your mother shall be sore ashamed,
She that bore you shall be confounded;
Behold, the hindermost of the nations
Shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited,
But it shall be wholly desolate;
Every one that goeth by Babylon
Shall be appalled and hiss at all her plagues.
14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about,
All ye that bend the bow,
Shoot at her, spare no arrows;
For she hath sinned against the LORD.
15 Shout against her round about, she hath submitted herself;
Her buttresses are fallen, her walls are thrown down;
For it is the vengeance of the LORD, take vengeance upon her;
As she hath done, do unto her.
16 Cut off the sower from Babylon,
And him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest;
For fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people,
And they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 Israel is a scattered sheep,
The lions have driven him away;
First the king of Assyria hath devoured him,
And last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.
18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land,

As I have punished the king of Assyria.
19 And I will bring Israel back to his pasture,
And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan,
And his soul shall be satisfied upon the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead.
20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD,
The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none,
And the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found;
For I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant.

21 Go up against the land of [a]Merathaim, even against it,
And against the inhabitants of [b]Pekod;
Waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD,
And do according to all that I have commanded thee.
22 Hark! battle is in the land,
And great destruction.
23 How is the hammer of the whole earth
Cut asunder and broken!
How is Babylon become
A desolation among the nations!
24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon,
And thou wast not aware;
Thou art found, and also caught,
Because thou hast striven against the LORD.
25 The LORD hath opened His armoury,
And hath brought forth the weapons of His indignation;
For it is a work that the Lord GOD of hosts
Hath to do in the land of the Chaldeans.
26 Come against her from every quarter, open her granaries,
Cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly;
Let nothing of her be left.
27 Slay all her bullocks, let them go down to the slaughter;
Woe unto them! for their day is come,
The time of their visitation.
28 Hark! they flee and escape out of the land of Babylon,
To declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God,
The vengeance of His temple.
29 Call together the archers against Babylon,
All them that bend the bow;
Encamp against her round about,
Let none thereof escape;
Recompense her according to her work,
According to all that she hath done, do unto her:
For she hath been arrogant against the LORD,
Against the Holy One of Israel.

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[a] That is, *Double rebellion.*
[b] That is, *Visitation.*

[30]Therefore shall her young men fall
in her broad places,
And all her men of war shall be
brought to silence in that day,
Saith the LORD.

[31]Behold, I am against thee, O thou
most arrogant,
Saith the Lord GOD of hosts;
For thy day is come,
The time that I will punish thee.
[32]And the most arrogant shall
stumble and fall,
And none shall raise him up;
And I will kindle a fire in his cities,
And it shall devour all that are
round about him.

[33]Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
The children of Israel and the
children of Judah are oppressed
together;
And all that took them captives hold
them fast;
They refuse to let them go.
[34]Their Redeemer is strong,
The LORD of hosts is His name;
He will thoroughly plead their
cause,
That He may give rest to the earth,
And disquiet the inhabitants of
Babylon.
[35]A sword is upon the Chaldeans,
saith the LORD,
And upon the inhabitants of
Babylon, and upon her princes,
and upon her wise men.
[36]A sword is upon the boasters, and
they shall become fools;
A sword is upon her mighty men,
and they shall be dismayed.
[37]A sword is upon their horses, and
upon their chariots,
And upon all the mingled people
that are in the midst of her,
And they shall become as women;
A sword is upon her treasures, and
they shall be robbed.
[38]A drought is upon her waters, and
they shall be dried up;
For it is a land of graven images,
And they are mad upon things of
horror.
[39]Therefore the wild-cats with the
jackals shall dwell there,
And the ostriches shall dwell
therein; and it shall be no more
inhabited for ever,
Neither shall it be dwelt in from
generation to generation.
[40]As when God overthrew Sodom
and Gomorrah
And the neighbour cities thereof,
saith the LORD;
So shall no man abide there,
Neither shall any son of man dwell
therein.

[41]Behold, a people cometh from the
north,
And a great nation, and many kings
Shall be roused from the uttermost
parts of the earth.
[42]They lay hold on bow and spear,
They are cruel, and have no
compassion;
Their voice is like the roaring sea,
And they ride upon horses;

Set in array, as a man for war,
Against thee, O daughter of
Babylon.
43 The king of Babylon hath heard
the fame of them,
And his hands wax feeble;
Anguish hath taken hold of him,
And pain, as of a woman in travail.
44 Behold, he shall come up like a
lion from the thickets of the
Jordan
Against the strong habitation;
For I will suddenly make them run
away from it,
And whoso is chosen, him will I
appoint over it;
For who is like Me? and who will
appoint Me a time?
And who is that shepherd that will
stand before Me?
45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of
the Lord,
That He hath taken against Babylon,
And His purposes, that He hath
purposed against the land of the
Chaldeans:
Surely the least of the flock shall
drag them away,
Surely their habitation shall be
appalled at them.
46 At the noise of the taking of
Babylon the earth quaketh,
And the cry is heard among the
nations.

51 Thus saith the Lord:
Behold, I will raise up against
Babylon,
And against them that dwell in [a]Leb-
kamai, a destroying wind.
2 And I will send unto Babylon
strangers, that shall fan her,
And they shall empty her land;
For in the day of trouble they shall
be against her round about.
3 Let the archer bend his bow against
her,
And let him lift himself up against
her in his coat of mail;
And spare ye not her young men,
Destroy ye utterly all her host.
4 And they shall fall down slain in
the land of the Chaldeans,
And thrust through in her streets.
5 For Israel is not widowed, nor
Judah,
Of his God, of the Lord of hosts;
For their land is full of guilt
Against the Holy One of Israel.
6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon,
And save every man his life,
Be not cut off in her iniquity;
For it is the time of the Lord's
vengeance;
He will render unto her a
recompense.
7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in
Lord's hand,
That made all the earth drunken;
The nations have drunk of her wine,
Therefore the nations are mad.

[a] That is, The heart of them that rises up against Me. According to ancient tradition, a cipher for Casdim, that is Chaldea.

8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed,
Wail for her;
Take balm for her pain,
If so be she may be healed.
9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed;
Forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country;
For her judgment reacheth unto heaven,
And is lifted up even to the skies.
10 The LORD hath brought forth our victory;
Come, and let us declare in Zion
The work of the LORD our God.

11 Make bright the arrows,
Fill the quivers,
The LORD hath roused the spirit of the kings of the Medes;
Because His device is against Babylon, to destroy it;
For it is the vengeance of the LORD,
The vengeance of His temple.
12 Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon,
Make the watch strong,
Set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes;
For the LORD hath both devised and done
That which He spoke concerning the inhabitants of Babylon.
13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters,
Abundant in treasures,
Thine end is come,
The measure of thy covetousness.
14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by Himself:
Surely I will fill thee with men, as with the canker-worm,
And they shall lift up a shout against thee.

15 He that hath made the earth by His power,
That hath established the world by His wisdom,
And hath stretched out the heavens by His discernment;
16 At the sound of His giving a multitude of waters in the heavens,
He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He maketh lightnings at the time of the rain,
And bringeth forth the wind out of His treasuries;
17 Every man is proved to be brutish, for the knowledge—
Every goldsmith is put to shame by the graven image—
That his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
18 They are vanity, a work of delusion;
In the time of their visitation they shall perish,
19 The portion of Jacob is not like these;
For He is the former of all things,
And [Israel] is the tribe of His inheritance;
The LORD of hosts is His name.

20Thou art My maul and weapons of war,
And with thee will I shatter the nations,
And with thee will I destroy kingdoms;
21And with thee will I shatter the horse and his rider,
And with thee will I shatter the chariot and him that rideth therein;
22And with thee will I shatter man and woman,
And with thee will I shatter the old man and the youth,
And with thee will I shatter the young man and the maid;
23And with thee will I shatter the shepherd and his flock,
And with thee will I shatter the husbandman and his yoke of oxen,
And with thee will I shatter governors and deputies.
24And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea
All their evil that they have done in Zion, in your sight;
Saith the Lord.

25Behold, I am against thee,
O destroying mountain, saith the Lord,
Which destroyest all the earth;
And I will stretch out My hand upon thee,
And roll thee down from the rocks,
And will make thee a burnt mountain.
26And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner,
Nor a stone for foundations;
But thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the Lord.

27Set ye up a standard in the land,
Blow the horn among the nations,
Prepare the nations against her,
Call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz;
Appoint a marshal against her;
Cause the horses to come up as the rough canker-worm.
28Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes,
The governors thereof, and all the deputies thereof,
And all the land of his dominion.
29And the land quaketh and is in pain;
For the purposes of the Lord are performed against Babylon,
To make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant.
30The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight,
They remain in their strongholds;
Their might hath failed, they are become as women;
Her dwelling-places are set on fire;
Her bars are broken.
31One post runneth to meet another,
And one messenger to meet an other,
To tell the king of Babylon

That his city is taken on every
quarter;
32 And the fords are seized,
And the castles they have burned
with fire,
And the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith the Lord of hosts,
the God of Israel:
The daughter of Babylon is like a
threshing-floor
At the time when it is trodden;
Yet a little while, and the time of
harvest
Shall come for her.
34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of
Babylon hath devoured me,
He hath crushed me,
He hath set me down as an empty
vessel,
He hath swallowed me up like a
dragon,
He hath filled his maw with my
delicacies;
He hath washed me clean.
35 'The violence done to me and to
my flesh be upon Babylon',
Shall the inhabitant of Zion say;
And: 'My blood be upon the
inhabitants of Chaldea',
Shall Jerusalem say.

36 Therefore thus saith the Lord:
Behold, I will plead thy cause,
And take vengeance for thee;
And I will dry up her sea,
And make her fountain dry.
37 And Babylon shall become heaps,
A dwelling-place for jackals,
An astonishment, and a hissing,
Without inhabitant.
38 They shall roar together like young
lions;
They shall growl as lions'whelps.
39 With their poison I will prepare
their feast,
And I will make them drunken, that
they may be convulsed,
And sleep a perpetual sleep, and not
wake,
Saith the Lord.
40 I will bring them down like lambs
to the slaughter,
Like rams with he-goats.
41 How is Sheshach taken!
And the praise of the whole earth
seized!
How is Babylon become an
astonishment
Among the nations!
42 The sea is come up upon Babylon;
She is covered with the multitude of
the waves thereof.
43 Her cities are become a desolation,
A dry land, and a desert,
A land wherein no man dwelleth,
Neither doth any son of man pass
thereby.
44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon,
And I will bring forth out of his
mouth that which he hath
swallowed up,
And the nations shall not flow any
more unto him;
Yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.
45 My people, go ye out of the midst
of her,
And save yourselves every man

From the fierce anger of the LORD.
46And let not your heart faint,
neither fear ye,
For the rumour that shall be heard in
the land;
For a rumour shall come one year,
And after that in another year a
rumour,
And violence in the land, ruler
against ruler.
47Therefore behold, the days come,
That I will do judgment upon the
graven images of Babylon,
And her whole land shall be
ashamed;
And all her slain shall fall in the
midst of her.
48Then the heaven and the earth, and
all that is therein,
Shall sing for joy over Babylon;
For the spoilers shall come unto her
From the north, saith the LORD.
49As Babylon hath caused the slain
of Israel to fall,
So at Babylon shall fall the slain of
all the land.
50Ye that have escaped the sword,
Go ye, stand not still;
Remember the LORD from afar,
And let Jerusalem come into your
mind.
51'We are ashamed, because we
have heard reproach,
Confusion hath covered our faces;
For strangers are come
Into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S
house.'
52Wherefore, behold, the days come,
saith the LORD,
That I will do judgment upon her
graven images;
Aand through all her land the
wounded shall groan.
53Though Babylon should mount up
to heaven,
And though she should fortify the
height of her strength,
Yet from Me shall spoilers come
unto her, saith the LORD.
54Hark! a cry from Babylon,
And great destruction from the land
of the Chaldeans!
55For the LORD spoileth Babylon,
And destroyeth out of her the great
voice;
And their waves roar like many
waters,
The noise of their voice is uttered;
56For the spoiler is come upon her,
even upon Babylon,
And her mighty men are taken,
Their bows are shattered;
For the LORD is a God of
recompenses,
He will surely requite.
57And I will make drunk her princes
and her wise men,
Her governors and her deputies, and
her mighty men;
And they shall sleep a perpetual
sleep, and not wake,
Saith the King, whose name is the
LORD of hosts.

58Thus saith the LORD of hosts:

The broad walls of Babylon shall be
utterly overthrown,
And her high gates shall be burned
with fire;
And the peoples shall labour for
vanity,
And the nations for the fire;
And they shall be weary.

59The word which Jeremiah the
prophet commanded Seraiah the son of
Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, when he
went with Zedekiah the king of Judah
to Babylon in the fourth year of his
reign. Now Seraiah was quartermaster.
60And Jeremiah wrote in one book all
the evil that should come upon
Babylon, even all these words that are
written concerning Babylon. 61And
Jeremiah said to Seraiah: ‘When thou
comest to Babylon, then see that thou
read all these words, 62and say: O
Lord, Thou hast spoken concerning
this place, to cut it off, that none shall
dwell therein, neither man nor beast,
but that it shall be desolate for ever.
63And it shall be, when thou hast made
an end of reading this book, that thou
shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into
the midst of the Euphrates; 64and thou
shalt say: Thus shall Babylon sink, and
shall not rise again because of the evil
that I will bring upon her; and they
shall be weary.’

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

52 Zedekiah was one and twenty
years old when he began to
reign; and he reigned eleven years in
Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was
Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of
Libnah. 2And he did that which was
evil in the sight of the Lord, according
to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3For
through the anger of the Lord did it
come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah,
until He had cast them out from His
presence. And Zedekiah rebelled
against the king of Babylon. 4And it
came to pass in the ninth year of his
reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth
day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon came, he and all his
army, against Jerusalem, and
encamped against it; and they built
forts against it round about. 5So the
city was besieged unto the eleventh
year of king Zedekiah. 6In the fourth
month, in the ninth day of the month,
the famine was sore in the city, so that
there was no bread for the people of
the land. 7Then a breach was made in
the city, and all the men of war fled,
and went forth out of the city by night
by the way of the gate between the two
walls, which was by the king’s
garden—now the Chaldeans were
against the city round about—and they
went by the way of the Arabah. 8But
the army of the Chaldeans pursued
after the king, and overtook Zedekiah
in the plains of Jericho; and all his
army was scattered from him. 9Then
they took the king, and carried him up
unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in
the land of Hamath; and he gave
judgment upon him. 10And the king of

Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah
before his eyes; he slew also all the
princes of Judah in Riblah. 11 And he
put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the
king of Babylon bound him in fetters,
and carried him to Babylon, and put
him in prison till the day of his death.

12 Now in the fifth month, in the
tenth day of the month, which was the
nineteenth year of king
Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon,
came Nebuzaradan the captain of the
guard, who stood before the king of
Babylon, into Jerusalem; 13 and he
burned the house of the LORD, and the
king’s house; and all the houses of
Jerusalem, even every great man’s
house, burned he with fire. 14 And all
the army of the Chaldeans, that were
with the captain of the guard, broke
down all the walls of Jerusalem round
about. 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain
of the guard carried away captive of
the poorest sort of the people, and the
residue of the people that remained in
the city, and those that fell away, that
fell to the king of Babylon, and the
residue of the multitude. 16 But
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
left of the poorest of the land to be
vinedressers and husbandmen. 17 And
the pillars of brass that were in the
house of the LORD, and the bases and
the brazen sea that were in the house
of the LORD, did the Chaldeans break
in pieces, and carried all the brass of
them to Babylon. 18 The pots also, and
the shovels, and the snuffers, and the
basins, and the pans, and all the
vessels of brass wherewith they
ministered, took they away. 19 And the
cups, and the fire-pans, and the basins,
and the pots, and the candlesticks, and
the pans, and the bowls—that which
was of gold, in gold, and that which
was of silver, in silver—the captain of
the guard took away. 20 The two pillars,
the one sea, and the twelve brazen
bulls that were under the bases, which
king Solomon had made for the house
of the LORD—the brass of all these
vessels was without weight. 21 And as
for the pillars, the height of the one
pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of
twelve cubits did compass it; and the
thickness thereof was four fingers; it
was hollow. 22 And a capital of brass
was upon it; and the height of the one
capital was five cubits, with network
and pomegranates upon the capital
round about, all of brass; and the
second pillar also had like unto these,
and pomegranates. 23 And there were
ninety and six pomegranates on the
outside; all the pomegranates were a
hundred upon the network round
about.

24 And the captain of the guard took
Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah
the second priest, and the three keepers
of the door; 25 and out of the city he
took an officer that was set over the
men of war; and seven men of them
that saw the king’s face, who were
found in the city; and the scribe of the
captain of the host, who mustered the
people of the land; and threescore men
of the people of the land, that were

found in the midst of the city. [26]And
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard
took them, and brought them to the
king of Babylon to Riblah. [27]And the
king of Babylon smote them, and put
them to death at Riblah in the land of
Hamath. So Judah was carried away
captive out of his land. [28]This is the
people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried
away captive: in the seventh year three
thousand Jews and three and twenty;
[29]in the eighteenth year of
Nebuchadrezzar, from Jerusalem, eight
hundred thirty and two persons; [30]in
the three and twentieth year of
Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the
captain of the guard carried away
captive of the Jews seven hundred
forty and five persons; all the persons
were four thousand and six hundred.
[31]And it came to pass in the seven and
thirtieth year of the captivity of
Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the
twelfth month, in the five and
twentieth day of the month, that Evil-
merodach king of Babylon, in the first
year of his reign, lifted up the head of
Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought
him forth out of prison. [32]And he
spoke kindly to him, and set his throne
above the throne of the kings that were
with him in Babylon. [33]And he
changed his prison garments, and did
eat bread before him continually all
the days of his life. [34]And for his
allowance, there was a continual
allowance given him of the king of
Babylon, every day a portion until the
day of his death, all the days of his
life.

# יחזקאל
# EZEKIEL

1 Now it came to pass in the
thirtieth year, in the fourth month,
in the fifth day of the month, as I was
among the captives by the river
Chebar that the heavens were opened,
and I saw visions of God. [2]In the fifth
day of the month, which was the fifth
year of king Jehoiachin’s captivity,
[3]the word of the Lord came expressly
unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of
Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by
the river Chebar; and the hand of the
Lord was there upon him.

[4]And I looked, and, behold, a
stormy wind came out of the north, a
great cloud, with a fire flashing up, so
that a brightness was round about it;
and out of the midst thereof as the
colour of electrum, out of the midst of
the fire. [5]And out of the midst thereof
came the likeness of four living
creatures. And this was their
appearance: they had the likeness of a
man. [6]And every one had four faces,
and every one of them had four wings.
[7]And their feet were straight feet; and
the sole of their feet was like the sole
of a calf’s foot; and they sparkled like
the colour of burnished brass. [8]And
they had the hands of a man under
their wings on their four sides; and as
for the faces and wings of them four,
[9]their wings were joined one to
another; they turned not when they
went; they went every one straight
forward. [10]As for the likeness of their
faces, they had the face of a man; and
they four had the face of a lion on the
right side; and they four had the face
of an ox on the left side; they four had
also the face of an eagle. [11]Thus were
their faces; and their wings were
stretched upward; two wings of every
one were joined one to another, and
two covered their bodies. [12]And they
went every one straight forward;
whither the spirit was to go, they went;
they turned not when they went. [13]As
for the likeness of the living creatures,
their appearance was like coals of fire,
burning like the appearance of torches;
it flashed up and down among the
living creatures; and there was
brightness to the fire, and out of the
fire went forth lightning. [14]And the
living creatures ran and returned as the
appearance of a flash of lightning.

[15]Now as I beheld the living
creatures, behold one wheel at the
bottom hard by the living creatures, at
the four faces thereof. [16]The
appearance of the wheels and their
work was like unto the colour of a
beryl; and they four had one likeness;
and their appearance and their work
was as it were a wheel within a wheel.
[17]When they went, they went toward
their four sides; they turned not when

they went. [18]As for their rings, they were high and they were dreadful; and they four had their rings full of eyes round about. [19]And when the living creatures went, the wheels went hard by them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the bottom, the wheels were lifted up. [20]Whithersoever the spirit was to go, as the spirit was to go thither, so they went; and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. [21]When those went, these went, and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

[22]And over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of a firmament, like the colour of the terrible ice, stretched forth over their heads above. [23]And under the firmament were their wings conformable the one to the other; this one of them had two which covered, and that one of them had two which covered, their bodies. [24]And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of a host; when they stood, they let down their wings. [25]For, when there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads, as they stood, they let down their wings.

[26]And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. [27]And I saw as the colour of electrum, as the appearance of fire round about enclosing it, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about him. [28]As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

2 And He said unto me: 'Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee.' [2]And spirit entered into me when He spoke unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard Him that spoke unto me.

[3]And He said unto me: 'Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to rebellious nations, that have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me, even unto this very day; [4]and the children are brazen-faced and stiff-hearted, I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD. [5]And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear—for they are a rebellious house—yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6And thou, son of man, be not afraid
of them, neither be afraid of their
words, though defiers and despisers be
with thee, and thou dost dwell among
scorpions; be not afraid of their words,
nor be dismayed at their looks, for
they are a rebellious house. 7And thou
shalt speak My words unto them,
whether they will hear, or whether
they will forbear; for they are most
rebellious.

8And thou, son of man, hear what I
say unto thee: be not thou rebellious
like that rebellious house; open thy
mouth, and eat that which I give thee.'
9And when I looked, behold, a hand
was put forth unto me; and, lo, a roll of
a book was therein; 10and He spread it
before me, and it was written within
and without; and there was written
therein lamentations, and moaning,
and woe.

3 And He said unto me: 'Son of
man, eat that which thou findest;
eat this roll, and go, speak unto the
house of Israel.' 2So I opened my
mouth, and He caused me to eat that
roll. 3And He said unto me: 'Son of
man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy
bowels with this roll that I give thee.'
Then did I eat it; and it was in my
mouth as honey for sweetness.

4And He said unto me: 'Son of man,
go, get thee unto the house of Israel,
and speak with My words unto them.
5For thou art not sent to a people of an
unintelligible speech and of a slow
tongue, but to the house of Israel; 6not
to many peoples of an unintelligible
speech and of a slow tongue, whose
words thou canst not understand.
Surely, if I sent thee to them, they
would hearken unto thee. 7But the
house of Israel will not consent to
hearken unto thee; for they consent not
to hearken unto Me; for all the house
of Israel are of a hard forehead and of
a stiff heart. 8Behold, I have made thy
face hard against their faces, and thy
forehead hard against their foreheads.
9As an adamant harder than flint have I
made thy forehead; fear them not,
neither be dismayed at their looks, for
they are a rebellious house.'

10Moreover He said unto me: 'Son
of man, all My words that I shall speak
unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear
with thine ears. 11And go, get thee to
them of the captivity, unto the children
of thy people, and speak unto them,
and tell them: Thus saith the Lord
GOD; whether they will hear, or
whether they will forbear.'

12Then a spirit lifted me up, and I
heard behind me the voice of a great
rushing: 'Blessed be the glory of the
LORD from His place'; 13also the noise
of the wings of the living creatures as
they touched one another, and the
noise of the wheels beside them, even
the noise of a great rushing. 14So a
spirit lifted me up, and took me away;
and I went in bitterness, in the heat of
my spirit, and the hand of the LORD
was strong upon me. 15Then I came to
them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that
dwelt by the river Chebar, and I sat

where they sat; and I remained there appalled among them seven days.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: 17 'Son of man, I have appointed thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; and when thou shalt hear a word at My mouth, thou shalt give them warning from Me. 18 When I say unto the wicked: Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hand. 19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 20 Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, I will lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand. 21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.'

22 And the hand of the LORD came there upon me; and He said unto me: 'Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there speak with thee.' 23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain; and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell on my face. 24 Then spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and He spoke with me, and said unto me: 'Go, shut thyself within thy house. 25 But thou, son of man, behold, bands shall be put upon thee, and thou shalt be bound with them, and thou shalt not go out among them; 26 and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house. 27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD; he that heareth, let him hear, and he that forbeareth, let him forbear; for they are a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and trace upon it a city, even Jerusalem; 2 and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. 3 And take thou unto thee an iron griddle, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city; and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity. 5 For I have appointed the years of their

iniquity to be unto thee a number of
days, even three hundred and ninety
days; so shalt thou bear the iniquity of
the house of Israel. 6And again, when
thou hast accomplished these, thou
shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt
bear the iniquity of the house of Judah;
forty days, each day for a year, have I
appointed it unto thee. 7And thou shalt
set thy face toward the siege of
Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered;
and thou shalt prophesy against it.
8And, behold, I lay bands upon thee,
and thou shalt not turn thee from one
side to another, till thou hast
accomplished the days of thy siege.
9Take thou also unto thee wheat, and
barley, and beans, and lentils, and
millet, and spelt, and put them in one
vessel, and make thee bread thereof;
according to the number of the days
that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even
three hundred and ninety days, shalt
thou eat thereof. 10And thy food which
thou shalt eat shall be by weight,
twenty shekels a day; from time to
time shalt thou eat it. 11Thou shalt
drink also water by measure, the sixth
part of a hin; from time to time shalt
thou drink. 12And thou shalt eat it as
barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in
their sight with dung that cometh out
of man.'

13And the LORD said: 'Even thus
shall the children of Israel eat their
bread unclean, among the nations
whither I will drive them.' 14Then said
I: 'Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath
not been polluted; for from my youth
up even till now have I not eaten of
that which dieth of itself, or is torn of
beasts; neither came there abhorred
flesh into my mouth.' 15Then He said
unto me: 'See, I have given thee cow's
dung for man's dung, and thou shalt
prepare thy bread thereon.' 16Moreover
He said unto me: 'Son of man, behold,
I will break the staff of bread in
Jerusalem, and they shall eat bread by
weight, and with anxiety; and they
shall drink water by measure, and in
appalment; 17that they may want bread
and water, and be appalled one with
another, and pine away in their
iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a
sharp sword, as a barber's razor
shalt thou take it unto thee, and cause
it to pass upon thy head and upon thy
beard; then take thee balances to
weigh, and divide the hair. 2A third
part shalt thou burn in the fire in the
midst of the city, when the days of the
siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take
a third part, and smite it with the
sword round about her; and a third part
thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I
will draw out a sword after them.
3Thou shalt also take thereof a few by
number, and bind them in thy skirts.
4And of them again shalt thou take,
and cast them into the midst of the fire,
and burn them in the fire; therefrom
shall a fire come forth into all the
house of Israel.

5Thus saith the Lord GOD: This is
Jerusalem! I have set her in the midst

of the nations, and countries are round about her. 6 And she hath rebelled against Mine ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against My statutes more than the countries that are round about her; for they have rejected Mine ordinances, and as for My statutes, they have not walked in them. 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye have outdone the nations that are round about you, in that ye have not walked in My statutes, neither have kept Mine ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you; 8 therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and I will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all the winds. 11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely, because thou hast defiled My sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall Mine eye spare, and I also will have no pity. 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter unto all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them. 13 Thus shall Mine anger spend itself, and I will satisfy My fury upon them, and I will be eased; and they shall know that I the LORD have spoken in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. 14 Moreover I will make thee an amazement and a reproach, among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. 15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes; I the LORD have spoken it; 16 when I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread; 17 and I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.'

6 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: 2 'Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3 and say: Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the mountains and concerning the hills, concerning the ravines and concerning the valleys:

Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword
upon you, and I will destroy your high
places. 4And your altars shall become
desolate, and your sun-images shall be
broken; and I will cast down your slain
men before your idols. 5And I will lay
the carcasses of the children of Israel
before their idols; and I will scatter
your bones round about your altars. 6In
all your dwelling-places the cities shall
be laid waste, and the high places shall
be desolate; that your altars may be
laid waste and made desolate, and your
idols may be broken and cease, and
your sun-images may be hewn down,
and your works may be blotted out.
7And the slain shall fall in the midst of
you, and ye shall know that I am the
LORD. 8Yet will I leave a remnant, in
that ye shall have some that escape the
sword among the nations, when ye
shall be scattered through the
countries. 9And they that escape of you
shall remember Me among the nations
whither they shall be carried captives,
how that I have been anguished with
their straying heart, which hath
departed from Me, and with their eyes,
which are gone astray after their idols;
and they shall loathe themselves in
their own sight for the evils which they
have committed in all their
abominations. 10And they shall know
that I am the LORD; I have not said in
vain that I would do this evil unto
them.

11Thus saith the Lord GOD: Smite
with thy hand, and stamp with thy
foot, and say: Alas! because of all the
evil abominations of the house of
Israel; for they shall fall by the sword,
by the famine, and by the pestilence.
12He that is far off shall die of the
pestilence; and he that is near shall fall
by the sword; and he that remaineth
and is besieged shall die by the
famine; thus will I spend My fury
upon them. 13And ye shall know that I
am the LORD, when their slain men
shall be among their idols round about
their altars, upon every high hill, in all
the tops of the mountains, and under
every leafy tree, and under every thick
terebinth, the place where they did
offer sweet savour to all their idols.
14And I will stretch out My hand upon
them, and make the land desolate and
waste, more than the wilderness of
Diblah, throughout all their
habitations; and they shall know that I
am the LORD.'

7 Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2'And
thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord
GOD concerning the land of Israel: An
end! the end is come upon the four
corners of the land. 3Now is the end
upon thee, and I will send Mine anger
upon thee, and will judge thee
according to thy ways; and I will bring
upon thee all thine abominations. 4And
Mine eye shall not spare thee, neither
will I have pity; but I will bring thy
ways upon thee, and thine
abominations shall be in the midst of
thee; and ye shall know that I am the
LORD.

5 Thus saith the Lord GOD: An evil, a
singular evil, behold, it cometh. 6 An
end is come, the end is come, it
awaketh against thee; behold, it
cometh. 7 The turn is come unto thee, O
inhabitant of the land; the time is
come, the day of tumult is near, and
not of joyful shouting upon the
mountains. 8 Now will I shortly pour
out My fury upon thee, and spend
Mine anger upon thee, and will judge
thee according to thy ways; and I will
bring upon thee all thine abominations.
9 And Mine eye shall not spare, neither
will I have pity; I will bring upon thee
according to thy ways, and thine
abominations shall be in the midst of
thee; and ye shall know that I the LORD
do smite. 10 Behold the day; behold, it
cometh; the turn is come forth; the rod
hath blossomed, arrogancy hath
budded. 11 Violence is risen up into a
rod of wickedness; nought cometh
from them, nor from their tumult, nor
from their turmoil, neither is there
eminency among them. 12 The time is
come, the day draweth near; let not the
buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for
wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.
13 For the seller shall not return to that
which is sold, although they be yet
alive; for the vision is touching the
whole multitude thereof, which shall
not return; neither shall any stand
possessed of the iniquity of his life.
14 They have blown the horn, and have
made all ready, but none goeth to the
battle; for My wrath is upon all the
multitude thereof. 15 The sword is
without, and the pestilence and the
famine within; he that is in the field
shall die with the sword, and he that is
in the city, famine and pestilence shall
devour him. 16 But they that shall at all
escape of them, shall be on the
mountains like doves of the valleys, all
of them moaning, every one in his
iniquity. 17 All hands shall be slack, and
all knees shall drip with water. 18 They
shall also gird themselves with
sackcloth, and horror shall cover them;
and shame shall be upon all faces, and
baldness upon all their heads. 19 They
shall cast their silver in the streets, and
their gold shall be as an unclean thing;
their silver and their gold shall not be
able to deliver them in the day of the
wrath of the LORD; they shall not
satisfy their souls, neither fill their
bowels; because it hath been the
stumblingblock of their iniquity. 20 And
as for the beauty of their ornament,
which was set for a pride, they made
the images of their abominations and
their detestable things thereof;
therefore have I made it unto them as
an unclean thing. 21 And I will give it
into the hands of the strangers for a
prey, and to the wicked of the earth for
a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22 I
will also turn My face from them, and
they shall profane My secret place;
and robbers shall enter into it, and
profane it.

23 Make the chain; for the land is full
of bloody crimes, and the city is full of
violence. 24 Wherefore I will bring the
worst of the nations, and they shall

possess their houses; I will also make
the pride of the strong to cease; and
their holy places shall be profaned.
25Horror cometh; and they shall seek
peace, and there shall be none.
26Calamity shall come upon calamity,
and rumour shall be upon rumour; and
they shall seek a vision of the prophet,
and instruction shall perish from the
priest, and counsel from the elders.
27The king shall mourn, and the prince
shall be clothed with appalment, and
the hands of the people of the land
shall be enfeebled; I will do unto them
after their way, and according to their
deserts will I judge them; and they
shall know that I am the LORD.'

8 And it came to pass in the sixth
year, in the sixth month, in the
fifth day of the month, as I sat in my
house, and the elders of Judah sat
before me, that the hand of the Lord
GOD fell there upon me. 2Then I
beheld, and lo a likeness as the
appearance of fire: from the
appearance of his loins and downward,
fire; and from his loins and upward, as
the appearance of brightness, as the
colour of electrum. 3And the form of a
hand was put forth, and I was taken by
a lock of my head; and a spirit lifted
me up between the earth and the
heaven, and brought me in the visions
of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the
gate of the inner court that looketh
toward the north; where was the seat
of the image of jealousy, which
provoketh to jealousy. 4And, behold,
the glory of the God of Israel was
there, according to the vision that I
saw in the plain. 5Then said He unto
me: 'Son of man, lift up thine eyes
now the way toward the north.' So I
lifted up mine eyes the way toward the
north, and behold northward of the
gate of the altar this image of jealousy
in the entry.

6And He said unto me: 'Son of man,
seest thou what they do? even the great
abominations that the house of Israel
do commit here, that I should go far
off from My sanctuary? but thou shalt
again see yet greater abominations.'
7And He brought me to the door of the
court; and when I looked, behold a
hole in the wall. 8Then said He unto
me: 'Son of man, dig now in the wall';
and when I had digged in the wall,
behold a door. 9And He said unto me:
'Go in, and see the wicked
abominations that they do here.' 10So I
went in and saw; and behold every
detestable form of creeping things and
beasts, and all the idols of the house of
Israel, portrayed upon the wall round
about. 11And there stood before them
seventy men of the elders of the house
of Israel, and in the midst of them
stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan,
every man with his censer in his hand;
and a thick cloud of incense went up.
12Then said He unto me: 'Son of man,
hast thou seen what the elders of the
house of Israel do in the dark, every
man in his chambers of imagery? for
they say: The LORD seeth us not, the
LORD hath forsaken the land.' 13He said
also unto me: 'Thou shalt again see yet

greater abominations which they do.’
14 Then He brought me to the door of
the gate of the Lord’S house which
was toward the north; and, behold,
there sat the women weeping for
Tammuz. 15 Then said He unto me:
‘Hast thou seen this, O son of man?
thou shalt again see yet greater
abominations than these.’ 16 And He
brought me into the inner court of the
Lord’S house, and, behold, at the door
of the temple of the Lord, between the
porch and the altar, were about five
and twenty men, with their backs
toward the temple of the Lord, and
their faces toward the east; and they
worshipped the sun toward the east.
17 Then He said unto me: ‘Hast thou
seen this, O son of man? Is it a light
thing to the house of Judah that they
commit the abominations which they
commit here in that they fill the land
with violence, and provoke Me still
more, and, lo, they put the branch to
their nose? 18 Therefore will I also deal
in fury; Mine eye shall not spare,
neither will I have pity; and though
they cry in Mine ears with a loud
voice, yet will I not hear them.’

9 Then he called in mine ears with a
loud voice, saying: ‘Cause ye
them that have charge over the city to
draw near, every man with his
destroying weapon in his hand.’ 2 And,
behold, six men came from the way of
the upper gate, which lieth toward the
north, every man with his weapon of
destruction in his hand; and one man
in the midst of them clothed in linen,
with a writer’s inkhorn on his side.
And they went in, and stood beside the
brazen altar. 3 And the glory of the God
of Israel was gone up from the cherub,
whereupon it was, to the threshold of
the house; and He called to the man
clothed in linen, who had the writer’s
inkhorn on his side. 4 And the Lord
said unto him: ‘Go through the midst
of the city, through the midst of
Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the
foreheads of the men that sigh and that
cry for all the abominations that are
done in the midst thereof.’ 5 And to the
others He said in my hearing: ‘Go ye
through the city after him, and smite;
let not your eye spare, neither have ye
pity; 6 slay utterly the old man, the
young man and the maiden, and little
children and women; but come not
near any man upon whom is the mark;
and begin at My sanctuary.’ Then they
began at the elders that were before the
house. 7 And He said unto them:
‘Defile the house, and fill the courts
with the slain; go ye forth.’ And they
went forth, and smote in the city. 8 And
it came to pass, while they were
smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon
my face, and cried, and said: ‘Ah Lord
God! wilt Thou destroy all the residue
of Israel in Thy pouring out of Thy
fury upon Jerusalem?’ 9 Then said He
unto me: ‘The iniquity of the house of
Israel and Judah is exceeding great,
and the land is full of blood, and the
city full of wresting of judgment; for
they say: The Lord hath forsaken the
land, and the Lord seeth not. 10 And as

for Me also, Mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way upon their head.’ [11]And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who had the inkhorn on his side, reported, saying: ‘I have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.’

10 Then I looked, and, behold, upon the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim, there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. [2]And He spoke unto the man clothed in linen, and said: ‘Go in between the wheelwork, even under the cherub, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and dash them against the city.’ And he went in in my sight. [3]Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. [4]And the glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub to the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD’S glory. [5]And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of God Almighty when He speaketh. [6]And it came to pass, when He commanded the man clothed in linen, saying: ‘Take fire from between the wheelwork, from between the cherubim’, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. [7]And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. [8]And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man’s hand under their wings. [9]And I looked, and behold four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was as the colour of a beryl stone. [10]And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been within a wheel. [11]When they went, they went toward their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. [12]And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. [13]As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing The wheelwork. [14]And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. [15]And the cherubim mounted up—this is the living creature that I saw by the river Chebar. [16]And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also turned not from beside them. [17]When they stood, these stood, and when they mounted up, these

mounted up with them; for the spirit of
the living creature was in them. [18]And
the glory of the LORD went forth from
off the threshold of the house, and
stood over the cherubim. [19]And the
cherubim lifted up their wings, and
mounted up from the earth in my sight
when they went forth, and the wheels
beside them; and they stood at the door
of the east gate of the LORD'S house;
and the glory of the God of Israel was
over them above. [20]This is the living
creature that I saw under the God of
Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew
that they were cherubim. [21]Every one
had four faces apiece, and every one
four wings; and the likeness of the
hands of a man was under their wings.
[22]And as for the likeness of their faces,
they were the faces which I saw by the
river Chebar, their appearances and
themselves; they went every one
straight forward.

11 Then a spirit lifted me up, and
brought me unto the east gate
of the LORD'S house, which looketh
eastward; and behold at the door of the
gate five and twenty men; and I saw in
the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of
Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of
Benaiah, princes of the people. [2]And
He said unto me: 'Son of man, these
are the men that devise iniquity, and
that give wicked counsel in this city;
[3]that say: The time is not near to build
houses! this city is the caldron, and we
are the flesh. [4]Therefore prophesy
against them, prophesy, O son of
man.' [5]And the spirit of the LORD fell
upon me, and He said unto me:
'Speak: Thus saith the LORD: Thus
have ye said, O house of Israel; for I
know the things that come into your
mind. [6]Ye have multiplied your slain
in this city, and ye have filled the
streets thereof with the slain.
[7]Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Your slain whom ye have laid in the
midst of it, they are the flesh, and this
city is the caldron; but ye shall be
brought forth out of the midst of it.
[8]Ye have feared the sword; and the
sword will I bring upon you, saith the
Lord GOD. [9]And I will bring you forth
out of the midst thereof, and deliver
you into the hands of strangers, and
will execute judgments among you.
[10]Ye shall fall by the sword: I will
judge you upon the border of Israel;
and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
[11]Though this city shall not be your
caldron, ye shall be the flesh in the
midst thereof; I will judge you upon
the border of Israel; [12]and ye shall
know that I am the LORD; for ye have
not walked in My statutes, neither
have ye executed Mine ordinances, but
have done after the ordinances of the
nations that are round about you.'
[13]And it came to pass, when I
prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of
Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon
my face, and cried with a loud voice,
and said: 'Ah Lord GOD! wilt Thou
make a full end of the remnant of
Israel?'

[14]And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: [15]'Son of man, as for

thy brethren, even thy brethren, the
men of thy kindred, and all the house
of Israel, all of them, concerning
whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem
have said: Get you far from the LORD!
unto us is this land given for a
possession; [16]therefore say: Thus saith
the Lord GOD: Although I have
removed them far off among the
nations, and although I have scattered
them among the countries, yet have I
been to them as a little sanctuary in the
countries where they are come;
[17]therefore say: Thus saith the Lord
GOD: I will even gather you from the
peoples, and assemble you out of the
countries where ye have been
scattered, and I will give you the land
of Israel. [18]And they shall come
thither, and they shall take away all the
detestable things thereof and all the
abominations thereof from thence.
[19]And I will give them one heart, and I
will put a new spirit within you; and I
will remove the stony heart out of their
flesh, and will give them a heart of
flesh; [20]that they may walk in My
statutes, and keep Mine ordinances,
and do them; and they shall be My
people, and I will be their God. [21]But
as for them whose heart walketh after
the heart of their detestable things and
their abominations, I will bring their
way upon their own heads, saith the
Lord GOD.'

[22]Then did the cherubim lift up their
wings, and the wheels were beside
them; and the glory of the God of
Israel was over them above. [23]And the
glory of the LORD went up from the
midst of the city, and stood upon the
mountain which is on the east side of
the city. [24]And a spirit lifted me up,
and brought me in the vision by the
spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of
the captivity. So the vision that I had
seen went up from Me. [25]Then I spoke
unto them of the captivity all the
things that the LORD had shown me.

# 12

The word of the LORD also
came unto me, saying: [2]'Son
of man, thou dwellest in the midst of
the rebellious house, that have eyes to
see, and see not, that have ears to hear,
and hear not; for they are a rebellious
house. [3]Therefore, thou son of man,
prepare thee stuff for exile, and
remove as though for exile by day in
their sight; and thou shalt remove from
thy place to another place in their
sight; it may be they will perceive, for
they are a rebellious house. [4]And thou
shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in
their sight, as stuff for exile; and thou
shalt go forth thyself at even in their
sight, as when men go forth into exile.
[5]Dig thou through the wall in their
sight, and carry out thereby. [6]In their
sight shalt thou bear it upon thy
shoulder, and carry it forth in the
darkness; thou shalt cover thy face,
that thou see not the ground; for I have
set thee for a sign unto the house of
Israel.' [7]And I did so as I was
commanded: I brought forth my stuff
by day, as stuff for exile, and in the
even I digged through the wall with
my hand; I carried out in the darkness,

and bore it upon my shoulder in their
sight.

[8]And in the morning came the word
of the LORD unto me, saying: [9]'Son of
man, hath not the house of Israel, the
rebellious house, said unto thee: What
doest thou? [10]Say thou unto them:
Thus saith the Lord GOD: Concerning
the prince, even this burden, in
Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel
among whom they are, [11]say: I am
your sign: like as I have done, so shall
it be done unto them—they shall go
into exile, into captivity. [12]And the
prince that is among them shall bear
upon his shoulder, and go forth in the
darkness; they shall dig through the
wall to carry out thereby; he shall
cover his face, that he see not the
ground with his eyes. [13]My net also
will I spread upon him, and he shall be
taken in My snare; and I will bring
him to Babylon to the land of the
Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it,
though he shall die there. [14]And I will
disperse toward every wind all that are
round about him to help him, and all
his troops; and I will draw out the
sword after them. [15]And they shall
know that I am the LORD, when I shall
scatter them among the nations, and
disperse them in the countries. [16]But I
will leave a few men of them from the
sword, from the famine, and from the
pestilence; that they may declare all
their abominations among the nations
whither they come; and they shall
know that I am the LORD.'

[17]Moreover the word of the LORD
came to me, saying: [18]'Son of man, eat
thy bread with quaking, and drink thy
water with trembling and with anxiety;
[19]and say unto the people of the land:
Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning
the inhabitants of Jerusalem in the land
of Israel. They shall eat their bread
with anxiety, and drink their water
with appalment, that her land may be
desolate from all that is therein,
because of the violence of all them that
dwell therein. [20]And the cities that are
inhabited shall be laid waste, and the
land shall be desolate; and ye shall
know that I am the LORD.'

[21]And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: [22]'Son of man, what
is that proverb that ye have in the land
of Israel, saying: The days are
prolonged, and every vision faileth?
[23]Tell them therefore: Thus saith the
Lord GOD: I will make this proverb to
cease, and they shall no more use it as
a proverb in Israel; but say unto them:
The days are at hand, and the word of
every vision. [24]For there shall be no
more any vain vision nor smooth
divination within the house of Israel.
[25]For I am the LORD; I will speak, what
word soever it be that I shall speak,
and it shall be performed; it shall be no
more delayed; for in your days, O
rebellious house, will I speak the
word, and will perform it, saith the
Lord GOD.'

[26]Again the word of the LORD came
to me, saying: [27]'Son of man, behold,
they of the house of Israel say: The

vision that he seeth is for many days to
come, and he prophesieth of times that
are far off. 28Therefore say unto them:
Thus saith the Lord GOD: There shall
none of My words be delayed any
more, but the word which I shall speak
shall be performed, saith the Lord
GOD.’

13 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2’Son
of man, prophesy against the prophets
of Israel that prophesy, and say thou
unto them that prophesy out of their
own heart: Hear ye the word of the
LORD: 3Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe
unto the vile prophets, that follow their
own spirit, and things which they have
not seen! 4O Israel, thy prophets have
been like foxes in ruins. 5Ye have not
gone up into the breaches, neither
made up the hedge for the house of
Israel, to stand in the battle in the day
of the LORD. 6They have seen vanity
and lying divination, that say: The
LORD saith; and the LORD hath not sent
them, yet they hope that the word
would be confirmed! 7Have ye not
seen a vain vision, and have ye not
spoken a lying divination, whereas ye
say: The LORD saith; albeit I have not
spoken?

8Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Because ye have spoken vanity, and
seen lies, therefore, behold, I am
against you, saith the Lord GOD. 9And
My hand shall be against the prophets
that see vanity, and that divine lies;
they shall not be in the council of My
people, neither shall they be written in
the register of the house of Israel,
neither shall they enter into the land of
Israel; and ye shall know that I am the
Lord GOD. 10Because, even because
they have led My people astray,
saying: Peace, and there is no peace;
and when it buildeth up a slight wall,
behold, they daub it with whited
plaster; 11say unto them that daub it
with whited plaster, that it shall fall;
there shall be an overflowing shower,
and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall,
and a stormy wind shall break forth,
12and, lo, when the wall is fallen, shall
it not be said unto you: Where is the
daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?
13Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: I
will even cause a stormy wind to break
forth in My fury; and there shall be an
overflowing shower in Mine anger,
and great hailstones in fury to
consume it. 14So will I break down the
wall that ye have daubed with whited
plaster, and bring it down to the
ground, so that the foundation thereof
shall be uncovered; and it shall fall,
and ye shall be consumed in the midst
thereof; and ye shall know that I am
the LORD. 15Thus will I spend My fury
upon the wall, and upon them that
have daubed it with whited plaster;
and I will say unto you: The wall is no
more, neither they that daubed it; 16to
wit, the prophets of Israel that
prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and
that see visions of peace for her, and
there is no peace, saith the Lord GOD.

17And thou, son of man, set thy face
against the daughters of thy people,

that prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them, [18]and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Woe to the women that sew cushions upon all elbows, and make pads for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of My people, and save souls alive for yourselves? [19]And ye have profaned Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for crumbs of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to My people that hearken unto lies. [20]Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your cushions, wherewith ye hunt the souls as birds, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt as birds. [21]Your pads also will I tear, and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. [22]Because with lies ye have cowed the heart of the righteous, when I have not grieved him; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, that he be saved alive; [23]therefore ye shall no more see vanity, nor divine divinations; and I will deliver My people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.'

14 Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. [2]And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [3]'Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their mind, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face; should I be inquired of at all by them? [4]Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his mind, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet—I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols; [5]that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all turned away from Me through their idols.

[6]Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. [7]For every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that separateth himself from Me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet, that he inquire for him of Me—I the LORD will answer him by Myself, [8]and I will set My face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. [9]And when the prophet is enticed and speaketh a word, I the LORD have enticed that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel. [10]And they shall bear

their iniquity; the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him that inquireth; [11]that the house of Israel may go no more astray from Me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be My people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.'

[12]And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [13]'Son of man, when a land sinneth against Me by trespassing grievously, and I stretch out My hand upon it, and break the staff of the bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast; [14]though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD. [15]If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they bereave it, and it be desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts; [16]though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate. [17]Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say: Let the sword go through the land, so that I cut off from it man and beast; [18]though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves. [19]Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; [20]though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. [21]For thus saith the Lord GOD: How much more when I send My four sore judgments against Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast. [22]And, behold, though there be left a remnant therein that shall be brought forth, both sons and daughters; behold, when they come forth unto you, and ye see their way and their doings, then ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it; [23]and they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings, and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.'

15 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [2]'Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any tree, the vine branch which grew up among the trees of the forest? [3]Shall wood be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? [4]Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is singed; is it profitable for any work? [5]Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work; how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is singed, shall it yet be meet for any work? [6]Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: As the vine-tree among the

trees of the forest, which I have given
to the fire for fuel, so do I give the
inhabitants of Jerusalem. [7]And I will
set My face against them; out of the
fire are they come forth, and the fire
shall devour them; and ye shall know
that I am the LORD, when I set My face
against them. [8]And I will make the
land desolate, because they have acted
treacherously, saith the Lord GOD.'

16 Again the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: [2]'Son
of man, cause Jerusalem to know her
abominations, [3]and say: Thus saith the
Lord GOD unto Jerusalem: Thine origin
and thy nativity is of the land of the
Canaanite; the Amorite was thy father,
and thy mother was a Hittite. [4]And as
for thy nativity, in the day thou wast
born thy navel was not cut, neither
wast thou washed in water for
cleansing; thou was not salted at all,
nor swaddled at all. [5]No eye pitied
thee, to do any of these unto thee, to
have compassion upon thee; but thou
wast cast out in the open field in the
loathsomeness of thy person, in the
day that thou wast born.

[6]And when I passed by thee, and
saw thee wallowing in thy blood, I
said unto thee: In thy blood, live; yea,
I said unto thee: In thy blood, live; [7]I
cause thee to increase, even as the
growth of the field. And thou didst
increase and grow up, and thou camest
to excellent beauty: thy breasts were
fashioned, and thy hair was grown; yet
thou wast naked and bare. [8]Now when
I passed by thee, and looked upon
thee, and, behold, thy time was the
time of love, I spread my skirt over
thee, and covered thy nakedness; yea, I
swore unto thee, and entered into a
covenant with thee, saith the Lord
GOD, and thou becamest Mine. [9]Then
washed I thee with water; yea, I
cleansed away thy blood from thee,
and I anointed thee with oil. [10]I clothed
thee also with richly woven work, and
shod thee with sealskin, and I wound
fine linen about thy head, and covered
thee with silk. [11]I decked thee also
with ornaments, and I put bracelets
upon thy hands, and a chain on thy
neck. [12]And I put a ring upon thy nose,
and earrings in thine ears, and a
beautiful crown upon thy head. [13]Thus
wast thou decked with gold and silver;
and thy raiment was of fine linen, and
silk, and richly woven work; thou didst
eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and
thou didst wax exceeding beautiful,
and thou wast meet for royal estate.
[14]And thy renown went forth among
the nations for thy beauty; for it was
perfect, through My splendour which I
had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

[15]But thou didst trust in thy beauty
and play the harlot because of thy
renown, and didst pour out thy
harlotries on every one that passed by;
his it was. [16]And thou didst take of thy
garments, and didst make for thee high
places decked with divers colours, and
didst play the harlot upon them; the
like things shall not come, neither shall
it be so. [17]Thou didst also take thy fair
jewels of My gold and of My silver,

which I had given thee, and madest for
thee images of men, and didst play the
harlot with them; [18]and thou didst take
thy richly woven garments and cover
them, and didst set Mine oil and Mine
incense before them. [19]My bread also
which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil,
and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou
didst even set it before them for a
sweet savour, and thus it was; saith the
Lord GOD. [20]Moreover thou hast taken
thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou
hast borne unto Me, and these hast
thou sacrificed unto them to be
devoured. Were thy harlotries a small
matter, [21]that thou hast slain My
children, and delivered them up, in
setting them apart unto them? [22]And in
all thine abominations and thy
harlotries thou hast not remembered
the days of thy youth, when thou wast
naked and bare, and wast wallowing in
thy blood. [23]And it came to pass after
all thy wickedness—woe, woe unto
thee! saith the Lord GOD— [24]that thou
hast built unto thee an eminent place,
and hast made thee a lofty place in
every street. [25]Thou hast built thy lofty
place at every head of the way, and
hast made thy beauty an abomination,
and hast opened thy feet to every one
that passed by, and multiplied thy
harlotries. [26]Thou hast also played the
harlot with the Egyptians, thy
neighbours, great of flesh; and hast
multiplied thy harlotry, to provoke Me.
[27]Behold, therefore I have stretched
out My hand over thee, and have
diminished thine allowance, and
delivered thee unto the will of them
that hate thee, the daughters of the
Philistines, that are ashamed of thy
lewd way. [28]Thou hast played the
harlot also with the Assyrians, without
having enough; yea, thou hast played
the harlot with them, and yet thou wast
not satisfied. [29]Thou hast moreover
multiplied thy harlotry with the land of
traffic, even with Chaldea; and yet
thou didst not have enough herewith.
[30]How weak is thy heart, saith the Lord
GOD, seeing thou doest all these things,
the work of a wanton harlot; [31]in that
thou buildest thine eminent place in
the head of every way, and makest thy
lofty place in every street; and hast not
been as a harlot that enhanceth her
hire. [32]Thou wife that committest
adultery, that takest strangers instead
of thy husband— [33]to all harlots gifts
are given; but thou hast given thy gifts
to all thy lovers, and hast bribed them
to come unto thee from every side in
thy harlotries. [34]And the contrary is in
thee from other women, in that thou
didst solicit to harlotry, and wast not
solicited; and in that thou givest hire,
and no hire is given unto thee, thus
thou art contrary.

[35]Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word
of the LORD! [36]Thus saith the Lord
GOD: Because thy filthiness was
poured out, and thy nakedness
uncovered through thy harlotries with
thy lovers; and because of all the idols
of thy abominations, and for the blood
of thy children, that thou didst give
unto them; [37]therefore behold, I will

gather all thy lovers, unto whom thou
hast been pleasant, and all them that
thou hast loved, with all them that thou
hast hated; I will even gather them
against thee from every side, and will
uncover thy nakedness unto them, that
they may see all thy nakedness. [38]And
I will judge thee, as women that break
wedlock and shed blood are judged;
and I will bring upon thee the blood of
fury and jealousy. [39]I will also give
thee into their hand, and they shall
throw down thine eminent place, and
break down thy lofty places; and they
shall strip thee of thy clothes, and take
thy fair jewels; and they shall leave
thee naked and bare. [40]They shall also
bring up an assembly against thee, and
they shall stone thee with stones, and
thrust thee through with their swords.
[41]And they shall burn thy houses with
fire, and execute judgments upon thee
in the sight of many women; and I will
cause thee to cease from playing the
harlot, and thou shalt also give no hire
any more. [42]So will I satisfy My fury
upon thee, and My jealousy shall
depart from thee, and I will be quiet,
and will be no more angry. [43]Because
thou hast not remembered the days of
thy youth, but hast fretted Me in all
these things; lo, therefore I also will
bring thy way upon thy head, saith the
Lord GOD; or hast thou not committed
this lewdness above all thine
abominations?

[44]Behold, every one that useth
proverbs shall use this proverb against
thee, saying: As the mother, so her
daughter. [45]Thou art thy mother's
daughter, that loatheth her husband
and her children; and thou art the sister
of thy sisters, who loathed their
husbands and their children; your
mother was a Hittite, and your father
an Amorite. [46]And thine elder sister is
Samaria, that dwelleth at thy left hand,
she and her daughters; and thy
younger sister, that dwelleth at thy
right hand, is Sodom and her
daughters. [47]Yet hast thou not walked
in their ways, nor done after their
abominations; but in a very little while
thou didst deal more corruptly than
they in all thy ways. [48]As I live, saith
the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath
not done, she nor her daughters, as
thou hast done, thou and thy
daughters. [49]Behold, this was the
iniquity of thy sister Sodom: pride,
fulness of bread, and careless ease was
in her and in her daughters; neither did
she strengthen the hand of the poor
and needy. [50]And they were haughty,
and committed abomination before
Me; therefore I removed them when I
saw it. [51]Neither hath Samaria
committed even half of thy sins; but
thou hast multiplied thine
abominations more than they, and hast
justified thy sisters by all thine
abominations which thou hast done.
[52]Thou also, bear thine own shame, in
that thou hast given judgment for thy
sisters; through thy sins that thou hast
committed more abominable than they,
they are more righteous than thou; yea,
be thou also confounded, and bear thy

shame, in that thou hast justified thy
sisters.
53 And I will turn their captivity, the
captivity of Sodom and her daughters,
and the captivity of Samaria and her
daughters, and the captivity of thy
captives in the midst of them; 54 that
thou mayest bear thine own shame,
and mayest be ashamed because of all
that thou hast done, in that thou art a
comfort unto them. 55 And thy sisters,
Sodom and her daughters, shall return
to their former estate, and Samaria and
her daughters shall return to their
former estate, and thou and thy
daughters shall return to your former
estate. 56 For thy sister Sodom was not
mentioned by thy mouth in the day of
thy pride; 57 before thy wickedness was
uncovered, as at the time of the taunt
of the daughters of Aram, and of all
that are round about her, the daughters
of the Philistines, that have thee in
disdain round about. 58 Thou hast borne
thy lewdness and thine abominations,
saith the LORD.
59 For thus saith the Lord GOD: I will
even deal with thee as thou hast done,
who hast despised the oath in breaking
the covenant. 60 Nevertheless I will
remember My covenant with thee in
the days of thy youth, and I will
establish unto thee an everlasting
covenant. 61 Then shalt thou remember
thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou
shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder
sisters and thy younger; and I will give
them unto thee for daughters, but not
because of thy covenant. 62 And I will
establish My covenant with thee, and
thou shalt know that I am the LORD;
63 that thou mayest remember, and be
confounded, and never open thy mouth
any more, because of thy shame; when
I have forgiven thee all that thou hast
done, saith the Lord GOD.'

17 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2 'Son
of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a
parable unto the house of Israel, 3 and
say: Thus saith the Lord GOD:

A great eagle with great wings
And long pinions,
Full of feathers, which had divers
colours,
Came unto Lebanon,
And took the top of the cedar;
4 He cropped off the topmost of the
young twigs thereof,
And carried it into a land of traffic;
He set it in a city of merchants.
5 He took also of the seed of the
land,
And planted it in a fruitful soil;
He placed it beside many waters,
He set it as a slip.
6 And it grew, and became a
spreading vine
Of low stature,
Whose tendrils might turn toward
him,
And the roots thereof be under him;
So it became a vine, and brought
forth branches,
And shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle
with great wings

And many feathers;
And, behold, this vine did bend
Its roots toward him,
And shot forth its branches toward
him, from the beds of its
plantation,
That he might water it.
8 It was planted in a good soil
By many waters,
That it might bring forth branches,
and that it might bear fruit,
That it might be a stately vine.
9 Say thou: Thus saith the Lord GOD:
Shall it prosper?
Shall he not pull up the roots
thereof,
And cut off the fruit thereof, that it
wither,
Yea, wither in all its sprouting
leaves?
Neither shall great power or much
people be at hand
When it is plucked up by the roots
thereof.
10 Yea, behold, being planted, shall it
prosper?
Shall it not utterly wither, when the
east wind toucheth it?
In the beds where it grew it shall
wither.'

11 Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 12 'Say now to
the rebellious house: Know ye not
what these things mean? tell them:
Behold, the king of Babylon came to
Jerusalem, and took the king thereof,
and the princes thereof, and brought
them to him to Babylon; 13 and he took
of the seed royal, and made a covenant
with him, and brought him under an
oath, and the mighty of the land he
took away; 14 that his might be a lowly
kingdom, that it might not lift itself up,
but that by keeping his covenant it
might stand. 15 But he rebelled against
him in sending his ambassadors into
Egypt, that they might give him horses
and much people. Shall he prosper?
shall he escape that doeth such things?
shall he break the covenant, and yet
escape? 16 As I live, saith the Lord GOD,
surely in the place where the king
dwelleth that made him king, whose
oath he despised, and whose covenant
he broke, even with him in the midst
of Babylon he shall die. 17 Neither shall
Pharaoh with his mighty army and
great company succour him in the war,
when they cast up mounds and build
forts, to cut off many souls; 18 seeing he
hath despised the oath by breaking the
covenant, when, lo, he had given his
hand, and hath done all these things,
he shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD: As I live, surely
Mine oath that he hath despised, and
My covenant that he hath broken, I
will even bring it upon his own head.
20 And I will spread My net upon him,
and he shall be taken in My snare, and
I will bring him to Babylon, and will
plead with him there for his treachery
that he hath committed against Me.
21 And all his mighty men in all his
bands shall fall by the sword, and they
that remain shall be scattered toward
every wind; and ye shall know that I
the LORD have spoken it. 22 Thus saith

the Lord GOD: Moreover I will take,
even I, of the lofty top of the cedar,
and will set it; I will crop off from the
topmost of its young twigs a tender
one, and I will plant it upon a high
mountain and eminent; [23]in the
mountain of the height of Israel will I
plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs,
and bear fruit, and be a stately cedar;
and under it shall dwell all fowl of
every wing, in the shadow of the
branches thereof shall they dwell.
[24]And all the trees of the field shall
know that I the LORD have brought
down the high tree, have exalted the
low tree, have dried up the green tree,
and have made the dry tree to flourish;
I the LORD have spoken and have done
it.'

18 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: [2]'What
mean ye, that ye use this proverb in the
land of Israel, saying:

The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children's teeth are set on
edge?

[3]As I live, saith the Lord GOD, ye shall
not have occasion any more to use this
proverb in Israel. [4]Behold, all souls are
Mine; as the soul of the father, so also
the soul of the son is Mine; the soul
that sinneth, it shall die.

[5]But if a man be just, and do that
which is lawful and right, [6]and hath
not eaten upon the mountains, neither
hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of
the house of Israel, neither hath defiled
his neighbour's wife, neither hath
come near to a woman in her impurity;
[7]and hath not wronged any, but hath
restored his pledge for a debt, hath
taken nought by robbery, hath given
his bread to the hungry, and hath
covered the naked with a garment; [8]he
that hath not given forth upon interest,
neither hath taken any increase, that
hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity,
hath executed true justice between
man and man, [9]hath walked in My
statutes, and hath kept Mine
ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he
shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.

[10]If he beget a son that is a robber, a
shedder of blood, and that doeth to a
brother any of these things, [11]whereas
he himself had not done any of these
things, for he hath even eaten upon the
mountains, and defiled his neighbour's
wife, [12]hath wronged the poor and
needy, hath taken by robbery, hath not
restored the pledge, and hath lifted up
his eyes to the idols, hath committed
abomination, [13]hath given forth upon
interest, and hath taken increase; shall
he then live? he shall not live—he hath
done all these abominations; he shall
surely be put to death, his blood shall
be upon him.

[14]Now, lo, if he beget a son, that
seeth all his father's sins, which he
hath done, and considereth, and doeth
not such like, [15]that hath not eaten
upon the mountains, neither hath lifted
up his eyes to the idols of the house of
Israel, hath not defiled his neighbour's
wife, [16]neither hath wronged any, hath
not taken aught to pledge, neither hath
taken by robbery, but hath given his

bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment, [17]that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received interest nor increase, hath executed Mine ordinances, hath walked in My statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. [18]As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, committed robbery on his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he dieth for his iniquity. [19]Yet say ye: Why doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father with him? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all My statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. [20]The soul that sinneth, it shall die; the son shall not bear the iniquity of the father with him, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son with him; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

[21]But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. [22]None of his transgressions that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; for his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. [23]Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD; and not rather that he should return from his ways, and live?

[24]But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered; for his trespass that he trespassed, and for his sin that he hath sinned, for them shall he die. [25]Yet ye say: The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is it My way that is not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? [26]When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall die therefor; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. [27]Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. [28]Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. [29]Yet saith the house of Israel: The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, is it My ways that are not equal? is it not your ways that are unequal? [30]Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you. [31]Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? [32]For I have no

pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD; wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

19 Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of
Israel, 2 and say:

How was thy mother a lioness;
Among lions she couched,
In the midst of the young lions
She reared her whelps!
3 And she brought up one of her whelps,
He became a young lion;
And he learned to catch the prey,
He devoured men.
4 Then the nations assembled against him,
He was taken in their pit;
And they brought him with hooks
Unto the land of Egypt.

5 Now when she saw that she was disappointed,
And her hope was lost,
Then she took another of her whelps,
And made him a young lion.
6 And he went up and down among the lions,
He became a young lion;
And he learned to catch the prey,
He devoured men.
7 And he knew their castles,
And laid waste their cities;
And the land was desolate,
And the fulness thereof,
Because of the noise of his roaring.
8 Then the nations cried out against him
On every side from the provinces;
And they spread their net over him,
He was taken in their pit.
9 And they put him in a cage with hooks,
And brought him to the king of Babylon;
That they might bring him into strongholds,
So that his voice should no more be heard
Upon the mountains of Israel.

10 Thy mother was like a vine, in thy likeness,
Planted by the waters;
She was fruitful and full of branches
By reason of many waters.
11 And she had strong rods
To be sceptres for them that bore rule;
And her stature was exalted
Among the thick branches,
And she was seen in her height
With the multitude of her tendrils.
12 But she was plucked up in fury,
She was cast down to the ground,
And the east wind dried up her fruit;
Her strong rods were broken off and withered,
The fire consumed her.
13 And now she is planted in the wilderness,
In a dry and thirsty ground.
14 And fire is gone out of the rod of her branches,
It hath devoured her fruit,

So that there is in her no strong rod
To be a sceptre to rule.’

This is a lamentation, and it was for a lamentation.

## 20

And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. 2 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: 3 ’Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Are ye come to inquire of Me? As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. 4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5 and say unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the day when I chose Israel, and lifted up My hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand unto them, saying: I am the LORD your God; 6 in that day I lifted up My hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had sought out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the beauty of all lands; 7 and I said unto them: Cast ye away every man the detestable things of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. 8 But they rebelled against Me, and would not hearken unto Me; they did not every man cast away the detestable things of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt; then I said I would pour out My fury upon them, to spend My anger upon them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9 But I wrought for My name’s sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known unto them, so as to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt. 10 So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them My statutes, and taught them Mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them. 12 Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths, to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they walked not in My statutes, and they rejected Mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them, and My sabbaths they greatly profaned; then I said I would pour out My fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But I wrought for My name’s sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. 15 Yet also I lifted up My hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the beauty of all lands; 16 because they rejected Mine ordinances, and walked not in My statutes, and profaned My sabbaths—for their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless Mine eye spared them
from destroying them, neither did I
make a full end of them in the
wilderness. 18 And I said unto their
children in the wilderness: Walk ye
not in the statutes of your fathers,
neither observe their ordinances, nor
defile yourselves with their idols; 19 I
am the LORD your God; walk in My
statutes, and keep Mine ordinances,
and do them; 20 and hallow My
sabbaths, and they shall be a sign
between Me and you, that ye may
know that I am the LORD your God.
21 But the children rebelled against Me;
they walked not in My statutes, neither
kept Mine ordinances to do them,
which if a man do, he shall live by
them; they profaned My sabbaths; then
I said I would pour out My fury upon
them, to spend My anger upon them in
the wilderness. 22 Nevertheless I
withdrew My hand, and wrought for
My name's sake, that it should not be
profaned in the sight of the nations, in
whose sight I brought them forth. 23 I
lifted up My hand unto them also in
the wilderness, that I would scatter
them among the nations, and disperse
them through the countries; 24 because
they had not executed Mine
ordinances, but had rejected My
statutes, and had profaned My
sabbaths, and their eyes were after
their fathers'idols. 25 Wherefore I gave
them also statutes that were not good,
and ordinances whereby they should
not live; 26 and I polluted them in their
own gifts, in that they set apart all that
openeth the womb, that I might
destroy them, to the end that they
might know that I am the LORD.
27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto
the house of Israel, and say unto them:
Thus saith the Lord GOD: In this
moreover have your fathers
blasphemed Me, in that they dealt
treacherously with Me. 28 For when I
had brought them into the land, which
I lifted up My hand to give unto them,
then they saw every high hill, and
every thick tree, and they offered there
their sacrifices, and there they
presented the provocation of their
offering, there also they made their
sweet savour, and there they poured
out their drink-offerings. 29 Then I said
unto them: What meaneth the high
place whereunto ye go? So the name
thereof is called Bamah unto this day.

30 Wherefore say unto the house of
Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: When
ye pollute yourselves after the manner
of your fathers, and go after their
abominations, 31 and when, in offering
your gifts, in making your sons to pass
through the fire, ye pollute yourselves
with all your idols, unto this day; shall
I then be inquired of by you, O house
of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord GOD,
I will not be inquired of by you; 32 and
that which cometh into your mind
shall not be at all; in that ye say: We
will be as the nations, as the families
of the countries, to serve wood and
stone. 33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD,
surely with a mighty hand, and with an
outstretched arm, and with fury poured

out, will I be king over you; 34 and I
will bring you out from the peoples,
and will gather you out of the
countries wherein ye are scattered,
with a mighty hand, and with an
outstretched arm, and with fury poured
out; 35 and I will bring you into the
wilderness of the peoples, and there
will I plead with you face to face.
36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in
the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so
will I plead with you, saith the Lord
GOD. 37 And I will cause you to pass
under the rod, and I will bring you into
the bond of the covenant; 38 and I will
purge out from among you the rebels,
and them that transgress against Me; I
will bring them forth out of the land
where they sojourn, but they shall not
enter into the land of Israel; and ye
shall know that I am the LORD. 39 As for
you, O house of Israel, thus saith the
Lord GOD: Go ye, serve every one his
idols, even because ye will not hearken
unto Me; but My holy name shall ye
no more profane with your gifts, and
with your idols. 40 For in My holy
mountain, in the mountain of the
height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD,
there shall all the house of Israel, all of
them, serve Me in the land; there will I
accept them, and there will I require
your heave-offerings, and the first of
your gifts, with all your holy things.
41 With your sweet savour will I accept
you, when I bring you out from the
peoples, and gather you out of the
countries wherein ye have been
scattered; and I will be sanctified in
you in the sight of the nations. 42 And
ye shall know that I am the LORD,
when I shall bring you into the land of
Israel, into the country which I lifted
up My hand to give unto your fathers.
43 And there shall ye remember your
ways, and all your doings, wherein ye
have polluted yourselves; and ye shall
loathe yourselves in your own sight for
all your evils that ye have committed.
44 And ye shall know that I am the
LORD, when I have wrought with you
for My name's sake, not according to
your evil ways, nor according to your
corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel,
saith the Lord GOD.'

21 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2 'Son
of man, set thy face toward the South,
and preach toward the South, and
prophesy against the forest of the field
in the South; 3 and say to the forest of
the South: Hear the word of the LORD:
Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I
will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall
devour every green tree in thee, and
every dry tree, it shall not be
quenched, even a flaming flame; and
all faces from the south to the north
shall be seared thereby. 4 all flesh shall
see that I the LORD have kindled it; it
shall not be quenched.' 5 Then said I:
'Ah Lord GOD! they say of me: Is he
not a maker of parables?'

6 Then the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 7 'Son of man, set thy
face toward Jerusalem, and preach
toward the sanctuaries, and prophesy
against the land of Israel; 8 say to the

land of Israel: Thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I am against thee, and will
draw forth My sword out of its sheath,
and will cut off from thee the righteous
and the wicked. 9Seeing then that I will
cut off from thee the righteous and the
wicked, therefore shall My sword go
forth out of its sheath against all flesh
from the south to the north; 10and all
flesh shall know that I the LORD have
drawn forth My sword out of its
sheath; it shall not return any more.
11Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with
the breaking of thy loins and with
bitterness shalt thou sigh before their
eyes. 12And it shall be, when they say
unto thee: Wherefore sighest thou?
that thou shalt say: Because of the
tidings, for it cometh; and every heart
shall melt, and all hands shall be slack,
and every spirit shall be faint, and all
knees shall drip with water; behold, it
cometh, and it shall be done, saith the
Lord GOD.'

13And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 14'Son of man,
prophesy, and say: Thus saith the
LORD: Say:

A sword, a sword, it is sharpened,
And also furbished:
15It is sharpened that it may make a
sore slaughter,
It is furbished that it may glitter—
Or shall we make mirth?—
Against the rod of My son,
contemning every tree.
16 And it is given to be furbished,
That it may be handled;
The sword, it is sharpened,
Yea, it is furbished,
To give it into the hand of the
slayer.

17Cry and wail, son of man; for it is
upon My people, it is upon all the
princes of Israel; they are thrust down
to the sword with My people; smite
therefore upon thy thigh. 18For there is
a trial; and what if it contemn even the
rod? It shall be no more, saith the Lord
GOD. 19Thou therefore, son of man,
prophesy, and smite thy hands
together; and let the sword be doubled
the third time, the sword of those to be
slain; it is the sword of the great one
that is to be slain, which compasseth
them about. 20I have set the point of
the sword against all their gates, that
their heart may melt, and their
stumblings be multiplied; ah! it is
made glittering, it is sharpened for
slaughter. 21Go thee one way to the
right, or direct thyself to the left;
whither is thy face set? 22I will also
smite My hands together, and I will
satisfy My fury; I the LORD have
spoken it.'

23And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 24'Now, thou son of
man, make thee two ways, that the
sword of the king of Babylon may
come; they twain shall come forth out
of one land; and mark a signpost, mark
it clear at the head of the way to the
city. 25Thou shalt make a way, that the
sword may come to Rabbah of the
children of Ammon, and to Judah in
Jerusalem the fortified. 26For the king
of Babylon standeth at the parting of

the way, at the head of the two ways,
to use divination; he shaketh the
arrows to and fro, he inquireth of the
teraphim, he looketh in the liver. 27In
his right hand is the lot Jerusalem, to
set battering rams, to open the mouth
for the slaughter, to lift up the voice
with shouting, to set battering rams
against the gates, to cast up mounds, to
build forts. 28And it shall be unto them
as a false divination in their sight, who
have weeks upon weeks! but it
bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that
they may be taken.

29Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
Because ye have made your iniquity to
be remembered, in that your
transgressions are uncovered, so that
your sins do appear in all your doings;
because that ye are come to
remembrance, ye shall be taken with
the hand. 30And thou, O wicked one,
that art to be slain, the prince of Israel,
whose day is come, in the time of the
iniquity of the end; 31thus saith the
Lord God: The mitre shall be removed,
and the crown taken off; this shall be
no more the same: that which is low
shall be exalted, and that which is high
abased. 32A ruin, a ruin, a ruin, will I
make it; this also shall be no more,
until he come whose right it is, and I
will give it him.

33And thou, son of man, prophesy,
and say: Thus saith the Lord God
concerning the children of Ammon,
and concerning their taunt; and say
thou:

O sword, O sword keen-edged,
Furbished for the slaughter,
To the uttermost, because of the
glitterings;
34While they see falsehood unto
thee,
While they divine lies unto thee,
To lay thee upon the necks of the
wicked that are to be slain,
Whose day is come, in the time of
the iniquity of the end!—
35Cause it to return into its sheath!—
In the place where thou wast
created, in the land of thine
origin,
Will I judge thee.
36And I will pour out My
indignation upon thee,
I will blow upon thee with the fire
of My wrath;
And I will deliver thee into the hand
of brutish men,
Skilful to destroy.
37Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire;
Thy blood shall be in the midst of
the land,
Thou shalt be no more remembered;
For I the Lord have spoken it.'

22 Moreover the word of the
Lord came unto me, saying:
2'Now, thou, son of man, wilt thou
judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city?
then cause her to know all her
abominations. 3And thou shalt say:
Thus saith the Lord God: O city that
sheddest blood in the midst of thee,
that thy time may come, and that
makest idols unto thyself to defile
thee; 4thou art become guilty in thy

blood that thou hast shed, and art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years; therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries! [5]Those that are near, and those that are far from thee, shall mock thee, thou defiled of name and full of tumult.

[6]Behold, the princes of Israel, every one according to his might, have been in thee to shed blood. [7]In thee have they made light of father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger; in thee have they wronged the fatherless and the widow. [8]Thou hast despised My holy things, and hast profaned My sabbaths. [9]In thee have been talebearers to shed blood; and in thee they have eaten upon the mountains; in the midst of thee they have committed lewdness. [10]In thee have they uncovered their fathers’nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that was unclean in her impurity. [11]And each hath committed abomination with his neighbour’s wife; and each hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and each in thee hath humbled his sister, his father’s daughter. [12]In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken interest and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by oppression, and hast forgotten Me, saith the Lord GOD.

[13]Behold, therefore, I have smitten My hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. [14]Can thy heart endure, or can thy hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I the LORD have spoken it, and will do it. [15]And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee. [16]And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in the sight of the nations; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.’

[17]And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [18]’Son of man, the house of Israel is become dross unto Me; all of them are brass and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. [19]Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Because ye are all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. [20]As they gather silver and brass and iron and lead and tin into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in Mine anger and in My fury, and I will cast you in, and melt you. [21]Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you with the fire of My wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. [22]As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out My fury upon you.’

[23]And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [24]’Son of man, say unto her: Thou art a land that is not

cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of
indignation. [25]There is a conspiracy of
her prophets in the midst thereof, like
a roaring lion ravening the prey; they
have devoured souls, they take
treasure and precious things, they have
made her widows many in the midst
thereof. [26]Her priests have done
violence to My law, and have profaned
My holy things; they have put no
difference between the holy and the
common, neither have they taught
difference between the unclean and the
clean, and have hid their eyes from My
sabbaths, and I am profaned among
them. [27]Her princes in the midst
thereof are like wolves ravening the
prey: to shed blood, and to destroy
souls, so as to get dishonest gain.
[28]And her prophets have daubed for
them with whited plaster, seeing
falsehood, and divining lies unto them,
saying: Thus saith the Lord GOD, when
the LORD hath not spoken. [29]The people
of the land have used oppression, and
exercised robbery, and have wronged
the poor and needy, and have
oppressed the stranger unlawfully.
[30]And I sought for a man among them,
that should make up the hedge, and
stand in the breach before Me for the
land, that I should not destroy it; but I
found none. [31]Therefore have I poured
out Mine indignation upon them; I
have consumed them with the fire of
My wrath; their own way have I
brought upon their heads, saith the
Lord GOD.'

23 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: [2]'Son
of man, there were two women, the
daughters of one mother; [3]and they
committed harlotries in Egypt; they
committed harlotries in their youth;
there were their bosoms pressed, and
there their virgin breasts were bruised.
[4]And the names of them were Oholah
the elder, and Oholibah her sister; and
they became Mine, and they bore sons
and daughters. And as for their names,
Samaria is [a]Oholah, and Jerusalem
[b]Oholibah.

[5]And Oholah played the harlot when
she was Mine; and she doted on her
lovers, on the Assyrians, warriors,
[6]clothed with blue, governors and
rulers, handsome young men all of
them, horsemen riding upon horses.
[7]And she bestowed her harlotries upon
them, the choicest men of Assyria all
of them; and on whomsoever she
doted, with all their idols she defiled
herself. [8]Neither hath she left her
harlotries brought from Egypt; for in
her youth they lay with her, and they
bruised her virgin breasts; and they
poured out their lust upon her.
[9]Wherefore I delivered her into the
hand of her lovers, into the hand of the
Assyrians, upon whom she doted.
[10]These uncovered her nakedness; they
took her sons and her daughters, and
her they slew with the sword; and she

[a] That is, *Her tent*.
[b] That is, *My tent is in her*.

became a byword among women, for
judgments were executed upon her.
[11]And her sister Oholibah saw this,
yet was she more corrupt in her doting
than she, and in her harlotries more
than her sister in her harlotries. [12]She
doted upon the Assyrians, governors
and rulers, warriors, clothed most
gorgeously, horsemen riding upon
horses, all of them handsome young
men. [13]And I saw that she was defiled;
they both took one way. [14]And she
increased her harlotries; for she saw
men portrayed upon the wall, the
images of the Chaldeans portrayed
with vermilion, [15]girded with girdles
upon their loins, with pendant turbans
upon their heads, all of them captains
to look upon, the likeness of the sons
of Babylon, even of Chaldea, the land
of their nativity. [16]And as soon as she
saw them she doted upon them, and
sent messengers unto them into
Chaldea. [17]And the Babylonians came
to her into the bed of love, and they
defiled her with their lust; and she was
polluted with them, and her soul was
alienated from them. [18]So she
uncovered her harlotries, and
uncovered her nakedness; then My
soul was alienated from her, like as
My soul was alienated from her sister.
[19]Yet she multiplied her harlotries,
remembering the days of her youth,
wherein she had played the harlot in
the land of Egypt. [20]And she doted
upon concubinage with them, whose
flesh is as the flesh of asses, and
whose issue is like the issue of horses.
[21]Thus thou didst call to remembrance
the lewdness of thy youth, when they
from Egypt bruised thy breasts for the
bosom of thy youth.

[22]Therefore, O Oholibah, thus saith
the Lord GOD: Behold, I will raise up
thy lovers against thee, from whom thy
soul is alienated, and I will bring them
against thee on every side: [23]the
Babylonians and all the Chaldeans,
Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the
Assyrians with them, handsome young
men, governors and rulers all of them,
captains and councillors, all of them
riding upon horses. [24]And they shall
come against thee with hosts, chariots,
and wheels, and with an assembly of
peoples; they shall set themselves in
array against thee with buckler and
shield and helmet round about; and I
will commit the judgment unto them,
and they shall judge thee according to
their judgments. [25]And I will set My
jealousy against thee, and they shall
deal with thee in fury; they shall take
away thy nose and thine ears, and thy
residue shall fall by the sword; they
shall take thy sons and thy daughters,
and thy residue shall be devoured by
the fire. [26]They shall also strip thee of
thy clothes, and take away thy fair
jewels. [27]Thus will I make thy
lewdness to cease from thee, and thy
harlotry brought from the land of
Egypt, so that thou shalt not lift up
thine eyes unto them, nor remember
Egypt any more.

[28]For thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will deliver thee into the

hand of them whom thou hatest, into
the hand of them from whom thy soul
is alienated; 29 and they shall deal with
thee in hatred, and shall take away all
thy labour, and shall leave thee naked
and bare; and the nakedness of thy
harlotries shall be uncovered, both thy
lewdness and thy harlotries. 30 These
things shall be done unto thee, for that
thou hast gone astray after the nations,
and because thou art polluted with
their idols. 31 In the way of thy sister
hast thou walked; therefore will I give
her cup into thy hand. 32 Thus saith the
Lord GOD:

Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup,
Which is deep and large;
Thou shalt be for a scorn and a
derision;
It is full to the uttermost.
33 Thou shalt be filled with
drunkenness and sorrow,
With the cup of astonishment and
appalment,
With the cup of thy sister Samaria.
34 Thou shalt even drink it and drain
it,
And thou shalt craunch the sherds
thereof,
And shalt tear thy breasts;
For I have spoken it,
Saith the Lord GOD.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Because thou hast forgotten Me, and
cast Me behind thy back, therefore
bear thou also thy lewdness and thy
harlotries.'

36 The LORD said moreover unto me:
'Son of man, wilt thou judge Oholah
and Oholibah? then declare unto them
their abominations. 37 For they have
committed adultery, and blood is in
their hands, and with their idols have
they committed adultery; and their
sons, whom they bore unto Me, they
have also set apart unto them to be
devoured. 38 Moreover this they have
done unto Me: they have defiled My
sanctuary in the same day, and have
profaned My sabbaths. 39 For when
they had slain their children to their
idols, then they came the same day
into My sanctuary to profane it; and,
lo, thus have they done in the midst of
My house. 40 And furthermore ye have
sent for men that come from far; unto
whom a messenger was sent, and, lo,
they came; for whom thou didst wash
thyself, paint thine eyes, and deck
thyself with ornaments; 41 and sattest
upon a stately bed, with a table
prepared before it, whereupon thou
didst set Mine incense and Mine oil.
42 And the voice of a multitude being at
ease was therein; and for the sake of
men, they were so many, brought
drunken from the wilderness, they put
bracelets upon their hands, and
beautiful crowns upon their heads.
43 Then said I of her that was worn out
by adulteries: Still they commit
harlotries with her, even her. 44 For
every one went in unto her, as men go
in unto a harlot; so went they in unto
Oholah and unto Oholibah, the lewd
women. 45 But righteous men, they
shall judge them as adulteresses are
judged, and as women that shed blood

are judged; because they are
adulteresses, and blood is in their
hands.
[46]For thus saith the Lord GOD: An
assembly shall be brought up against
them, and they shall be made a horror
and a spoil. [47]And the assembly shall
stone them with stones, and despatch
them with their swords; they shall slay
their sons and their daughters, and
burn up their houses with fire. [48]Thus
will I cause lewdness to cease out of
the land, that all women may be taught
not to do after your lewdness. [49]And
your lewdness shall be recompensed
upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of
your idols; and ye shall know that I am
the Lord GOD.'

24 And the word of the LORD
came unto me in the ninth
year, in the tenth month, in the tenth
day of the month, saying: [2]'Son of
man, write thee the name of the day,
even of this selfsame day; this
selfsame day the king of Babylon hath
invested Jerusalem. [3]And utter a
parable concerning the rebellious
house, and say unto them: Thus saith
the Lord GOD:

Set on the pot, set it on,
And also pour water into it;
[4]Gather into it the pieces belonging
to it,
Even every good piece, the thigh,
and the shoulder;
Fill it with the choice bones.
[5]Take the choice of the flock,
And pile also the bones under it;
Make it boil well,
That the bones thereof may also be
seethed in the midst of it.

[6]Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Woe to the bloody city, to the pot
whose filth is therein, and whose filth
is not gone out of it! bring it out piece
by piece; no lot is fallen upon it. [7]For
her blood is in the midst of her; she set
it upon the bare rock; she poured it not
upon the ground, to cover it with dust;
[8]that it might cause fury to come up,
that vengeance might be taken, I have
set her blood upon the bare rock, that it
should not be covered. [9]Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD: Woe to the bloody
city! I also will make the pile great,
[10]heaping on the wood, kindling the
fire, that the flesh may be consumed;
and preparing the mixture, that the
bones also may be burned; [11]then will I
set it empty upon the coals thereof,
that it may be hot, and the bottom
thereof may burn, and that the
impurity of it may be molten in it, that
the filth of it may be consumed[12]It
hath wearied itself with toil; yet its
great filth goeth not forth out of it, yea,
its noisome filth. [13]Because of thy
filthy lewdness, because I have purged
thee and thou wast not purged, thou
shalt not be purged from thy filthiness
any more, till I have satisfied My fury
upon thee. [14]I the LORD have spoken it;
it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I
will not go back, neither will I spare,
neither will I repent; according to thy
ways, and according to thy doings,
shall they judge thee, saith the Lord
GOD.'

15 Also the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 16 ’Son of man,
behold, I take away from thee the
desire of thine eyes with a stroke; yet
neither shalt thou make lamentation
nor weep, neither shall thy tears run
down. 17 Sigh in silence; make no
mourning for the dead, bind thy
headtire upon thee, and put thy shoes
upon thy feet, and cover not thine
upper lip, and eat not the bread of
men.’ 18 So I spoke unto the people in
the morning, and at even my wife
died; and I did in the morning as I was
commanded. 19 And the people said
unto me: ‘Wilt thou not tell us what
these things are to us, that thou doest
so?’ 20 Then I said unto them: ‘The
word of the LORD came unto me,
saying: 21 Speak unto the house of
Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will profane My sanctuary,
the pride of your power, the desire of
your eyes, and the longing of your
soul; and your sons and your daughters
whom ye have left behind shall fall by
the sword. 22 And ye shall do as I have
done: ye shall not cover your upper
lips, nor eat the bread of men; 23 and
your tires shall be upon your heads,
and your shoes upon your feet; ye shall
not make lamentation nor weep; but ye
shall pine away in your iniquities, and
moan one toward another. 24 Thus shall
Ezekiel be unto you a sign; according
to all that he hath done shall ye do;
when this cometh, then shall ye know
that I am the Lord GOD.
25 And thou, son of man, shall it not
be in the day when I take from them
their stronghold, the joy of their glory,
the desire of their eyes, and the
yearning of their soul, their sons and
their daughters, 26 that in that day he
that escapeth shall come unto thee, to
cause thee to hear it with thine ears?
27 In that day shall thy mouth be
opened together with him that is
escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be
no more dumb; so shalt thou be a sign
unto them; and they shall know that I
am the LORD.’

25 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2 ’Son
of man, set thy face toward the
children of Ammon, and prophesy
against them; 3 and say unto the
children of Ammon: Hear the word of
the Lord GOD: Thus saith the Lord
GOD: Because thou saidst: Aha! against
My sanctuary, when it was profaned,
and against the land of Israel, when it
was made desolate, and against the
house of Judah, when they went into
captivity; 4 therefore, behold, I will
deliver thee to the children of the east
for a possession, and they shall set
their encampments in thee, and make
their dwellings in thee; they shall eat
thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.
5 And I will make Rabbah a pasture for
camels, and the children of Ammon a
couching-place for flocks; and ye shall
know that I am the LORD. 6 For thus
saith the Lord GOD: Because thou hast
clapped thy hands, and stamped with

the feet, and rejoiced with all the
disdain of thy soul against the land of
Israel; 7therefore, behold, I stretch out
My hand upon thee, and will deliver
thee for a spoil to the nations; and I
will cut thee off from the peoples, and
I will cause thee to perish out of the
countries; I will destroy thee, and thou
shalt know that I am the LORD.

8Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because
that Moab and Seir do say: Behold, the
house of Judah is like unto all the
nations, 9therefore, behold, I will open
the flank of Moab on the side of the
cities, on the side of his cities which
are on his frontiers, the beauteous
country of Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon,
and Kiriathaim, 10together with the
children of Ammon, unto the children
of the east, and I will give them for a
possession, that the children of
Ammon may not be remembered
among the nations; 11and I will execute
judgments upon Moab; and they shall
know that I am the LORD.

12Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because
that Edom hath dealt against the house
of Judah by taking vengeance, and
hath greatly offended, and revenged
himself upon them; 13therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD: I will stretch out
My hand upon Edom, and will cut off
man and beast from it; and I will make
it desolate from Teman, even unto
Dedan shall they fall by the sword.
14And I will lay My vengeance upon
Edom by the hand of My people Israel;
and they shall do in Edom according to
Mine anger and according to My fury;
and they shall know my vengeance,
saith the Lord GOD.

15Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because
the Philistines have dealt by revenge,
and have taken vengeance with disdain
of soul to destroy, for the old hatred;
16therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will stretch out My hand
upon the Philistines, and I will cut off
the Cherethites, and destroy the
remnant of the sea-coast. 17And I will
execute great vengeance upon them
with furious rebukes; and they shall
know that I am the LORD, when I shall
lay My vengeance upon them.'

# 26

And it came to pass in the
eleventh year, in the first day
of the month, that the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying: 2'Son of
man, because that Tyre hath said
against Jerusalem:

Aha, she is broken that was the gate
  of the peoples;
She is turned unto me;
I shall be filled with her that is laid
  waste;
3Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre,
And will cause many nations to
  come up against thee,
As the sea causeth its waves to
  come up.
4And they shall destroy the walls of
  Tyre,
And break down her towers;
I will also scrape her dust from her,
And make her a bare rock.
5She shall be a place for the
  spreading of nets

In the midst of the sea;
For I have spoken it, saith the Lord God;
And she shall become a spoil to the nations.
6 And her daughters that are in the field
Shall be slain with the sword;
And they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I
will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar
king of Babylon, king of kings, from
the north, with horses, and with
chariots, and with horsemen, and a
company, and much people.

8 He shall slay with the sword
Thy daughters in the field;
And he shall make forts against thee,
And cast up a mound against thee,
And set up bucklers against thee.
9 And he shall set his battering engines
Against thy walls,
And with his axes
He shall break down thy towers.
10 By reason of the abundance of his horses
Their dust shall cover thee;
At the noise of the horsemen,
And of the wheels, and of the chariots,
Thy walls shall shake,
When he shall enter into thy gates,
As men enter into a city
Wherein is made a breach.
11 With the hoofs of his horses
Shall he tread down all thy streets;
He shall slay thy people with the sword,
And the pillars of thy strength
Shall go down to the ground.
12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches,
And make a prey of thy merchandise;
And they shall break down thy walls,
And destroy the houses of thy delight;
And thy stones and thy timber and thy dust
Shall they lay in the midst of the waters.
13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease,
And the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
14 And I will make thee a bare rock;
Thou shalt be a place for the spreading of nets,
Thou shalt be built no more;
For I the Lord have spoken,
Saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lord God to Tyre:
Shall not the isles shake at the sound
of thy fall, when the wounded groan,
when the slaughter is made in the
midst of thee?

16 Then all the princes of the sea
shall come down from their thrones,
and lay away their robes, and strip off
their richly woven garments; they shall
clothe themselves with trembling; they
shall sit upon the ground, and shall
tremble every moment, and be
appalled at thee.

17 And they shall take up a
lamentation for thee, and say to thee:

How art thou destroyed, that wast
peopled from the seas,
The renowned city,
That wast strong in the sea,
Thou and thy inhabitants,
That caused your terror to be
On all that inhabit the earth!
18 Now shall the isles tremble
In the day of thy fall;
Yea, the isles that are in the sea
Shall be affrighted at thy going out.

19 For thus saith the Lord GOD: When I
shall make thee a desolate city, like the
cities that are not inhabited; when I
shall bring up the deep upon thee, and
the great waters shall cover thee;
20 then will I bring thee down with
them that descend into the pit, to the
people of old time, and will make thee
to dwell in the nether parts of the
earth, like the places that are desolate
of old, with them that go down to the
pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I
will set glory in the land of the living;
21 I will make thee a terror, and thou
shalt be no more; though thou be
sought for, yet shalt thou never be
found again, saith the Lord GOD.'

27 Moreover the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying:
2 'And thou, son of man, take up a
lamentation for Tyre, 3 and say unto
Tyre, that dwelleth at the entry of the
sea, that is the merchant of the peoples
unto many isles: Thus saith the Lord
GOD:

Thou, O Tyre, hast said:
I am of perfect beauty.
4 Thy borders are in the heart of the
seas,
Thy builders have perfected thy
beauty.
5 Of cypress-trees from Senir have
they fashioned
All thy planks;
They have taken cedars from
Lebanon
To make masts for thee.
6 Of the oaks of Bashan
Have they made thine oars;
Thy deck have they made of ivory
inlaid in larch,
From the isles of the Kittites.
7 Of fine linen with richly woven
work from Egypt
Was thy sail,
That it might be to thee for an
ensign;
Blue and purple from the isles of
Elishah
Was thine awning.
8 The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad
Were thy rowers;
Thy wise men, O Tyre, were in thee,
They were thy pilots.
9 The elders of Gebal and the wise
men thereof
Were in thee thy calkers;
All the ships of the sea with their
mariners were in thee
To exchange thy merchandise.
10 Persia and Lud and Put were in
thine army,
Thy men of war;
They hanged the shield and helmet
in thee,

They set forth thy comeliness.
11 The men of Arvad and Helech were
upon thy walls round about, and the
Gammadim were in thy towers; they
hanged their shields upon thy walls
round about; they have perfected thy
beauty. 12 Tarshish was thy merchant
by reason of the multitude of all kinds
of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and
lead, they traded for thy wares.
13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they
were thy traffickers; they traded the
persons of men and vessels of brass for
thy merchandise. 14 They of the house
of Togarmah traded for thy wares with
horses and horsemen and mules. 15 The
men of Dedan were thy traffickers;
many isles were the mart of thy hand;
they brought thee as tribute horns of
ivory and ebony. 16 Aram was thy
merchant by reason of the multitude of
thy wealth; they traded for thy wares
with carbuncles, purple, and richly
woven work, and fine linen, and coral,
and rubies. 17 Judah, and the land of
Israel, they were thy traffickers; they
traded for thy merchandise wheat of
Minnith, and balsam, and honey, and
oil, and balm. 18 Damascus was thy
merchant for the multitude of thy
wealth, by reason of the multitude of
all riches, with the wine of Helbon,
and white wool. 19 Vedan and Javan
traded with yarn for thy wares;
massive iron, cassia, and calamus,
were among thy merchandise. 20 Dedan
was thy trafficker in precious cloths
for riding. 21 Arabia, and all the princes
of Kedar, they were the merchants of
thy hand; in lambs, and rams, and
goats, in these were they thy
merchants. 22 The traffickers of Sheba
and Raamah, they were thy traffickers;
they traded for thy wares with chief of
all spices, and with all precious stones,
and gold. 23 Haran and Canneh and
Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur
was as thine apprentice in traffic.
24 These were thy traffickers in
gorgeous fabrics, in wrappings of blue
and richly woven work, and in chests
of rich apparel, bound with cords and
cedar-lined, among thy merchandise.
25 The ships of Tarshish brought thee
tribute for thy merchandise;

So wast thou replenished, and made
very heavy
In the heart of the seas.
26 Thy rowers have brought thee
Into great waters;
The east wind hath broken thee
In the heart of the seas.
27 Thy riches, and thy wares, thy
merchandise,
Thy mariners, and thy pilots,
Thy calkers, and the exchangers of
thy merchandise,
And all thy men of war, that are in
thee,
With all thy company which is in
the midst of thee,
Shall fall into the heart of the seas
In the day of thy ruin.
28 At the sound of the cry of thy
pilots
The waves shall shake.
29 And all that handle the oar,

The mariners, and all the pilots of the sea,
Shall come down from their ships,
They shall stand upon the land,
30 And shall cause their voice to be heard over thee,
And shall cry bitterly,
And shall cast up dust upon their heads,
They shall roll themselves in the ashes;
31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee,
And gird them with sackcloth,
And they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul
With bitter lamentation.
32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee,
And lament over thee:
Who was there like Tyre, fortified
In the midst of the sea?
33 When thy wares came forth out of the seas,
Thou didst fill many peoples;
With the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise
Didst thou enrich the kings of the earth.
34 Now that thou art broken by the seas
In the depths of the waters,
And thy merchandise and all thy company
Are fallen in the midst of thee,
35 All the inhabitants of the isles
Are appalled at thee,
And their kings are horribly afraid,
They are troubled in their countenance;
36 The merchants among the peoples hiss at thee;
Thou art become a terror,
And never shalt be any more.'

28 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2 'Son
of man, say unto the prince of Tyre:
Thus saith the Lord GOD:
Because thy heart is lifted up,
And thou hast said: I am a god,
I sit in the seat of God,
In the heart of the seas;
Yet thou art man, and not God,
Though thou didst set thy heart as the heart of God—
3 Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel!
There is no secret that they can hide from thee!
4 By thy wisdom and by thy discernment
Thou hast gotten thee riches,
And hast gotten gold and silver
Into thy treasures;
5 In thy great wisdom by thy traffic
Hast thou increased thy riches,
And thy heart is lifted up because of thy riches—
6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Because thou hast set thy heart
As the heart of God;
7 Therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon thee,
The terrible of the nations;
And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom,
And they shall defile thy brightness.

8 They shall bring thee down to the pit;
And thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain,
In the heart of the seas.
9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee:
I am God?
But thou art man, and not God,
In the hand of them that defile thee.
10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised
By the hand of strangers;
For I have spoken, saith the Lord GOD.'

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 12 'Son of man, take
up a lamentation for the king of Tyre,
and say unto him: Thus saith the Lord
GOD: Thou seal most accurate, full of
wisdom, and perfect in beauty, 13 thou
wast in Eden the garden of God; every
precious stone was thy covering, the
carnelian, the topaz, and the emerald,
the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the
sapphire, the carbuncle, and the
smaragd, and gold; the workmanship
of thy settings and of thy sockets was
in thee, in the day that thou wast
created they were prepared. 14 Thou
wast the far-covering cherub; and I set
thee, so that thou wast upon the holy
mountain of God; thou hast walked up
and down in the midst of stones of fire.
15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from
the day that thou wast created, till
unrighteousness was found in thee.
16 By the multitude of thy traffic they
filled the midst of thee with violence,
and thou hast sinned; therefore have I
cast thee as profane out of the
mountain of God; and I have destroyed
thee, O covering cherub, from the
midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thy heart
was lifted up because of thy beauty,
thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by
reason of thy brightness; I have cast
thee to the ground, I have laid thee
before kings, that they may gaze upon
thee. 18 By the multitude of thine
iniquities, in the unrighteousness of
thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy
sanctuaries; therefore have I brought
forth a fire from the midst of thee, it
hath devoured thee, and I have turned
thee to ashes upon the earth in the
sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All
they that know thee among the peoples
shall be appalled at thee; thou art
become a terror, and thou shalt never
be any more.'

20 And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 21 'Son of man, set thy
face toward Zidon, and prophesy
against it, 22 and say: Thus saith the
Lord GOD:

Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon,
And I will be glorified in the midst of thee;

And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.

23 For I will send into her pestilence
And blood in her streets;
And the wounded shall fall in the midst of her

By the sword upon her on every
side; and they shall know that I am the
LORD. 24 And there shall be no more a
pricking brier unto the house of Israel,
nor a piercing thorn of any that are
round about them, that did have them
in disdain; and they shall know that I
am the Lord GOD.

25 Thus saith the Lord GOD: When I
shall have gathered the house of Israel
from the peoples among whom they
are scattered, and shall be sanctified in
them in the sight of the nations, then
shall they dwell in their own land
which I gave to My servant Jacob.
26 And they shall dwell safely therein,
and shall build houses, and plant
vineyards; yea, they shall dwell safely;
when I have executed judgments upon
all those that have them in disdain
round about them; and they shall know
that I am the LORD their God.'

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth
month, in the twelfth day of
the month, the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: 2 'Son of man, set thy
face against Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and prophesy against him, and against
all Egypt; 3 speak, and say: Thus saith
the Lord GOD:

Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh
King of Egypt,
The great dragon that lieth
In the midst of his rivers,
That hath said: My river is mine
own,
And I have made it for myself.

4 And I will put hooks in thy jaws,
and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to
stick unto thy scales; and I will bring
thee up out of the midst of thy rivers,
and all the fish of thy rivers shall stick
unto thy scales. 5 And I will cast thee
into the wilderness,

Thee and all the fish of thy rivers;
Thou shalt fall upon the open field;
Thou shalt not be brought together,
nor gathered;
To the beasts of the earth and to the
fowls of the heaven
Have I given thee for food.
6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt
shall know
That I am the LORD,
Because they have been a staff of
reed
To the house of Israel.
7 When they take hold of thee with
the hand, thou dost break,
And rend all their shoulders;
And when they lean upon thee, thou
breakest,
And makest all their loins to be at a
stand.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee,
and will cut off from thee man and
beast. 9 And the land of Egypt shall be
desolate and waste, and they shall
know that I am the LORD; because he
hath said: The river is mine, and I have
made it. 10 Therefore, behold, I am
against thee, and against thy rivers,
and I will make the land of Egypt
utterly waste and desolate, from
Migdol to Syene even unto the border
of Ethiopia. 11 No foot of man shall
pass through it, nor foot of beast shall

pass through it, neither shall it be
inhabited forty years. 12And I will
make the land of Egypt desolate in the
midst of the countries that are desolate,
and her cities among the cities that are
laid waste shall be desolate forty
years; and I will scatter the Egyptians
among the nations, and will disperse
them through the countries.

13For thus saith the Lord GOD: At the
end of forty years will I gather the
Egyptians from the peoples whither
they were scattered; 14and I will turn
the captivity of Egypt, and will cause
them to return into the land of Pathros,
into the land of their origin; and they
shall be there a lowly kingdom. 15It
shall be the lowliest of the kingdoms,
neither shall it any more lift itself up
above the nations; and I will diminish
them, that they shall no more rule over
the nations. 16And it shall be no more
the confidence of the house of Israel,
bringing iniquity to remembrance,
when they turn after them; and they
shall know that I am the Lord GOD.'

17And it came to pass in the seven
and twentieth year, in the first month,
in the first day of the month, the word
of the LORD came unto me, saying:
18'Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of
Babylon caused his army to serve a
great service against Tyre; every head
was made bald, and every shoulder
was peeled; yet had he no wages, nor
his army, from Tyre, for the service
that he had served against it;
19Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will give the land of Egypt
unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon;
and he shall carry off her abundance,
and take her spoil, and take her prey;
and it shall be the wages for his army.
20I have given him the land of Egypt as
his hire for which he served, because
they wrought for Me, saith the Lord
GOD.

21In that day will I cause a horn to
shoot up unto the house of Israel, and I
will give thee the opening of the
mouth in the midst of them; and they
shall know that I am the LORD.'

30 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2'Son
of man, prophesy, and say: Thus saith
the Lord GOD:

Wail ye: Woe worth the day!
3For the day is near,
Even the day of the LORD is near,
A day of clouds, it shall be the time
of the nations.
4And a sword shall come upon
Egypt,
And convulsion shall be in Ethiopia,
When the slain shall fall in Egypt;
And they shall take away her
abundance,
And her foundation shall be broken
down.

5Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the
mingled people, and Cub, and the
children of the land that is in league,
shall fall with them by the sword.

6Thus saith the LORD:
They also that uphold Egypt shall
fall,
And the pride of her power shall
come down;

From Migdol to Syene shall they
fall in it by the sword,
Saith the Lord GOD.
7 And they shall be desolate in the
midst of the countries that are
desolate,
And her cities shall be in the midst
of the cities that are wasted.
8 And they shall know that I am the
LORD,
When I have set a fire in Egypt,
And all her helpers are destroyed.
9 In that day shall messengers go
forth from before Me in ships
To make the confident Ethiopians
afraid;
And there shall come convulsion
upon them in the day of Egypt;
For, lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord GOD:
I will also make the multitude of
Egypt to cease,
By the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king
of Babylon.
11 He and his people with him, the
terrible of the nations,
Shall be brought in to destroy the
land;
And they shall draw their swords
against Egypt,
And fill the land with the slain.
12 And I will make the rivers dry,
And will give the land over into the
hand of evil men;
And I will make the land desolate,
And all that is therein, by the hand
of strangers;
I the LORD have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD:
I will also destroy the idols,
And I will cause the things of
nought to cease from Noph;
And there shall be no more a prince
out of the land of Egypt;
And I will put a fear in the land of
Egypt.
14 And I will make Pathros desolate,
And will set a fire in Zoan,
And will execute judgments in No.
15 And I will pour My fury upon Sin,
the stronghold of Egypt;
And I will cut off the multitude of
No.
16 And I will set a fire in Egypt;
Sin shall be in great convulsion,
And No shall be rent asunder;
And in Noph shall come adversaries
in the day-time.
17 The young men of Aven and of Pi-
beseth shall fall by the sword;
And these cities shall go into
captivity.
18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall
withdraw itself,
When I shall break there the yokes
of Egypt,
And the pride of her power shall
cease in her;
As for her, a cloud shall cover her,
And her daughters shall go into
captivity.
19 Thus will I execute judgments in
Egypt;
And they shall know that I am the
LORD.’

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh
year, in the first month, in the seventh
day of the month, that the word of the
LORD came unto me, saying: 21 'Son of
man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh
king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been
bound up to be healed, to put a roller,
that it be bound up and wax strong,
that it hold the sword. 22 Therefore thus
saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I am
against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and
will break his arms, the strong, and
that which was broken; and I will
cause the sword to fall out of his hand.
23 And I will scatter the Egyptians
among the nations, and will disperse
them through the countries. 24 And I
will strengthen the arms of the king of
Babylon, and put My sword in his
hand; but I will break the arms of
Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him
with the groanings of a deadly
wounded man. 25 And I will hold up the
arms of the king of Babylon, and the
arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and
they shall know that I am the LORD,
when I shall put My sword into the
hand of the king of Babylon, and he
shall stretch it out upon the land of
Egypt. 26 And I will scatter the
Egyptians among the nations, and
disperse them through the countries;
and they shall know that I am the
LORD.'

31 And it came to pass in the
eleventh year, in the third
month, in the first day of the month,
that the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying: 2 'Son of man, say unto
Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his
multitude:

Whom art thou like in thy
greatness?
3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in
Lebanon,
With fair branches, and with a
shadowing shroud,
And of a high stature;
And its top was among the thick
boughs.
4 The waters nourished it,
The deep made it to grow;
Her rivers ran round
About her plantation,
And she sent out her conduits
Unto all the trees of the field.
5 Therefore its stature was exalted
Above all the trees of the field;
And its boughs were multiplied,
And its branches became long,
Because of the multitude of waters,
when it shot them forth.
6 All the fowls of heaven made
Their nests in its boughs,
And all the beasts of the field did
bring forth their young
Under its branches,
And under its shadow dwelt
All great nations.
7 Thus was it fair in its greatness,
In the length of its branches;
For its root was
By many waters.
8 The cedars in the garden of God
Could not hide it;
The cypress-trees were not
Like its boughs,
And the plane-trees were not

As its branches;
Nor was any tree in the garden of
God
Like unto it in its beauty.
9I made it fair
By the multitude of its branches;
So that all the trees of Eden,
That were in the garden of God,
envied it.

10Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
Because thou art exalted in stature, and
he hath set his top among the thick
boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his
height; 11I do even deliver him into the
hand of the mighty one of the nations;
he shall surely deal with him; I do
drive him out according to his
wickedness. 12And strangers, the
terrible of the nations, do cut him off,
and cast him down; upon the
mountains and in all the valleys his
branches are fallen, and his boughs lie
broken in all the channels of the land;
and all the peoples of the earth do go
down from his shadow, and do leave
him. 13Upon his carcass all the fowls
of the heaven do dwell, and upon his
branches are all the beasts of the field;
14to the end that none of all the trees
by the waters exalt themselves in their
stature, neither set their top among the
thick boughs, nor that their mighty
ones stand up in their height, even all
that drink water; for they are all
delivered unto death, to the nether
parts of the earth, in the midst of the
children of men, with them that go
down to the pit.

15Thus saith the Lord God: In the
day when he went down to the nether-
world I caused the deep to mourn and
cover itself for him, and I restrained
the rivers thereof, and the great waters
were stayed; and I caused Lebanon to
mourn for him, and all the trees of the
field fainted for him. 16I made the
nations to shake at the sound of his
fall, when I cast him down to the
nether-world with them that descend
into the pit; and all the trees of Eden,
the choice and best of Lebanon, all
that drink water, were comforted in the
nether parts of the earth. 17They also
went down into the nether-world with
him unto them that are slain by the
sword; yea, they that were in his arm,
that dwelt under his shadow in the
midst of the nations.

18To whom art thou thus like in
glory and in greatness among the trees
of Eden? yet shall thou be brought
down with the trees of Eden unto the
nether parts of the earth; thou shalt lie
in the midst of the uncircumcised, with
them that are slain by the sword. This
is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith
the Lord God.'

32 And it came to pass in the
twelfth year, in the twelfth
month, in the first day of the month,
that the word of the Lord came unto
me, saying: 2'Son of man, take up a
lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and say unto him:

Thou didst liken thyself unto a
young lion of the nations;

Whereas thou art as a dragon in the seas;
And thou didst gush forth with thy rivers,
And didst trouble the waters with thy feet,
And foul their rivers.
3 Thus saith the Lord GOD:
I will therefore spread out My net over thee
With a company of many peoples;
And they shall bring thee up in My net.
4 And I will cast thee upon the land,
I will hurl thee upon the open field,
And will cause all the fowls of the heaven to settle upon thee,
And I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.
5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains,
And fill the valleys with thy foulness.
6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains;
And the channels shall be full of thee.
7 And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover the heaven,
And make the stars thereof black;
I will cover the sun with a cloud,
And the moon shall not give her light.
8 All the bright lights of heaven
Will I make black over thee,
And set darkness upon thy land,
Saith the Lord GOD.

9 I will also vex the hearts of many
peoples, when I shall bring thy
destruction among the nations, into the
countries which thou hast not known.
10 Yea, I will make many peoples
appalled at thee, and their kings shall
be horribly afraid for thee, when I
shall brandish My sword before them;
and they shall tremble at every
moment, every man for his own life, in
the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD: The
sword of the king of Babylon shall
come upon thee.
12 By the swords of
the mighty will I cause thy multitude
to fall;

The terrible of the nations are they all;
And they shall spoil the pride of Egypt,
And all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.
13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof
From beside many waters;
Neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more,
Nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.
14 Then will I make their waters to settle,
And cause their rivers to run like oil,
Saith the Lord GOD.
15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste,
A land destitute of that whereof it was full,
When I shall smite all them that dwell therein,

Then shall they know that I am the
LORD.
16 This is the lamentation wherewith
they shall lament;
The daughters of the nations shall
lament therewith;
For Egypt, and for all her multitude,
shall they lament therewith,
Saith the Lord GOD.'

17 It came to pass also in the twelfth
year, in the fifteenth day of the month,
that the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying: 18 'Son of man, wail for the
multitude of Egypt, and cast them
down, even her, with the daughters of
the mighty nations, unto the nether
parts of the earth, with them that go
down into the pit.

19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty?
Go down, and be thou laid with the
uncircumcised.

20 They shall fall in the midst of them
that are slain by the sword; she is
delivered to the sword; draw her down
and all her multitudes. 21 The strong
among the mighty shall speak of him
out of the midst of the nether-world
with them that helped him; they are
gone down, they lie still, even the
uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
22 Asshur is there and all her company;
their graves are round about them; all
of them slain, fallen by the sword;
23 whose graves are set in the uttermost
parts of the pit, and her company is
round about her grave; all of them
slain, fallen by the sword, who caused
terror in the land of the living. 24 There
is Elam and all her multitude round
about her grave; all of them slain,
fallen by the sword, who are gone
down uncircumcised into the nether
parts of the earth, who caused their
terror in the land of the living; yet
have they borne their shame with them
that go down to the pit. 25 They have
set her a bed in the midst of the slain
with all her multitude; her graves are
round about them; all of them
uncircumcised, slain by the sword;
because their terror was caused in the
land of the living, yet have they borne
their shame with them that go down to
the pit; they are put in the midst of
them that are slain. 26 There is
Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude;
her graves are round about them; all of
them uncircumcised, slain by the
sword; because they caused their terror
in the land of the living. 27 And they
that are inferior to the uncircumcised
shall not lie with the mighty that are
gone down to the nether-world with
their weapons of war, whose swords
are laid under their heads, and whose
iniquities are upon their bones;
because the terror of the mighty was in
the land of the living. 28 But thou, in the
midst of the uncircumcised shalt thou
be broken and lie, even with them that
are slain by the sword. 29 There is
Edom, her kings and all her princes,
who for all their might are laid with
them that are slain by the sword; they
shall lie with the uncircumcised, and
with them that go down to the pit.
30 There are the princes of the north, all

of them, and all the Zidonians, who are
gone down with the slain, ashamed for
all the terror which they caused by
their might, and they lie uncircumcised
with them that are slain by the sword,
and bear their shame with them that go
down to the pit. [31]These shall Pharaoh
see, and shall be comforted over all his
multitude; even Pharaoh and all his
army, slain by the sword, saith the
Lord God. [32]For I have put My terror
in the land of the living; and he shall
be laid in the midst of the
uncircumcised, with them that are
slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and
all his multitude, saith the Lord God.'

# 33

And the word of the Lord
came unto me, saying: [2]'Son
of man, speak to the children of thy
people, and say unto them: When I
bring the sword upon a land, if the
people of the land take a man from
among them, and set him for their
watchman; [3]if, when he seeth the
sword come upon the land, he blow
the horn, and warn the people; [4]then
whosoever heareth the sound of the
horn, and taketh not warning, if the
sword come, and take him away, his
blood shall be upon his own head; [5]he
heard the sound of the horn, and took
not warning, his blood shall be upon
him; whereas if he had taken warning,
he would have delivered his soul. [6]But
if the watchman see the sword come,
and blow not the horn, and the people
be not warned, and the sword do come,
and take any person from among them,
he is taken away in his iniquity, but his
blood will I require at the watchman's
hand.

[7]So thou, son of man, I have set thee
a watchman unto the house of Israel;
therefore, when thou shalt hear the
word at My mouth, warn them from
Me. [8]When I say unto the wicked: O
wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and
thou dost not speak to warn the wicked
from his way; that wicked man shall
die in his iniquity, but his blood will I
require at thy hand. [9]Nevertheless, if
thou warn the wicked of his way to
turn from it, and he turn not from his
way; he shall die in his iniquity, but
thou hast delivered thy soul.

[10]Therefore, O thou son of man, say
unto the house of Israel: Thus ye
speak, saying: Our transgressions and
our sins are upon us, and we pine away
in them; how then can we live? [11]Say
unto them: As I live, saith the Lord
God, I have no pleasure in the death of
the wicked, but that the wicked turn
from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye
from your evil ways; for why will ye
die, O house of Israel?

[12]And thou, son of man, say unto the
children of thy people: The
righteousness of the righteous shall not
deliver him in the day of his
transgression; and as for the
wickedness of the wicked, he shall not
stumble thereby in the day that he
turneth from his wickedness; neither
shall he that is righteous be able to live
thereby in the day that he sinneth.
[13]When I say to the righteous, that he

shall surely live; if he trust to his
righteousness, and commit iniquity,
none of his righteous deeds shall be
remembered; but for his iniquity that
he hath committed, for it shall he die.
14 Again, when I say unto the wicked:
Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from
his sin, and do that which is lawful and
right; 15 if the wicked restore the
pledge, give back that which he had
taken by robbery, walk in the statutes
of life, committing no iniquity; he
shall surely live, he shall not die.
16 None of his sins that he hath
committed shall be remembered
against him; he hath done that which is
lawful and right; he shall surely live.
17 Yet the children of thy people say:
The way of the Lord is not equal; but
as for them, their way is not equal.
18 When the righteous turneth from his
righteousness, and committeth
iniquity, he shall even die thereby.
19 And when the wicked turneth from
his wickedness, and doeth that which
is lawful and right, he shall live
thereby. 20 Yet ye say: The way of the
Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I
will judge you every one after his
ways.'

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth
year of our captivity, in the tenth
month, in the fifth day of the month,
that one that had escaped out of
Jerusalem came unto me, saying: 'The
city is smitten.' 22 Now the hand of the
LORD had been upon me in the
evening, before he that was escaped
came; and He had opened my mouth
against his coming to me in the
morning; and my mouth was opened,
and I was no more dumb. 23 Then the
word of the LORD came unto me,
saying: 24 'Son of man, they that
inhabit those waste places in the land
of Israel speak, saying: Abraham was
one, and he inherited the land; but we
are many; the land is given us for
inheritance. 25 Wherefore say unto
them: Thus saith the Lord GOD. Ye eat
with the blood, and lift up your eyes
unto your idols, and shed blood; and
shall ye possess the land? 26 Ye stand
upon your sword, ye work
abomination, and ye defile every one
his neighbour's wife; and shall ye
possess the land? 27 Thus shalt thou say
unto them: Thus saith the Lord GOD:
As I live, surely they that are in the
waste places shall fall by the sword,
and him that is in the open field will I
give to the beasts to be devoured, and
they that are in the strongholds and in
the caves shall die of the pestilence.
28 And I will make the land most
desolate, and the pride of her power
shall cease; and the mountains of
Israel shall be desolate, so that none
shall pass through. 29 Then shall they
know that I am the LORD, when I have
made the land most desolate, because
of all their abominations which they
have committed.

30 And as for thee, son of man, the
children of thy people that talk of thee
by the walls and in the doors of the
houses, and speak one to another,
every one to his brother, saying:

Come, I pray you, and hear what is the
word that cometh forth from the LORD;
31 and come unto thee as the people
cometh, and sit before thee as My
people, and hear thy words, but do
them not—for with their mouth they
show much love, but their heart goeth
after their covetousness; 32 and, lo, thou
art unto them as a love song of one
that hath a pleasant voice, and can play
well on an instrument; so they hear thy
words, but they do them not— 33 when
this cometh to pass—behold, it
cometh—then shall they know that a
prophet hath been among them.'

34 And the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 2 'Son
of man, prophesy against the
shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say
unto them, even to the shepherds: Thus
saith the Lord GOD: Woe unto the
shepherds of Israel that have fed
themselves! should not the shepherds
feed the sheep? 3 Ye did eat the fat, and
ye clothed you with the wool, ye killed
the fatlings; but ye fed not the sheep.
4 The weak have ye not strengthened,
neither have ye healed that which was
sick, neither have ye bound up that
which was broken, neither have ye
brought back that which was driven
away, neither have ye sought that
which was lost; but with force have ye
ruled over them and with rigour. 5 So
were they scattered, because there was
no shepherd; and they became food to
all the beasts of the field, and were
scattered. 6 My sheep wandered
through all the mountains, and upon
every high hill, yea, upon all the face
of the earth were My sheep scattered,
and there was none that did search or
seek. 7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear
the word of the LORD: 8 As I live, saith
the Lord GOD, surely forasmuch as My
sheep became a prey, and My sheep
became food to all the beasts of the
field, because there was no shepherd,
neither did My shepherds search for
My sheep, but the shepherds fed
themselves, and fed not My sheep;
9 therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word
of the LORD: 10 Thus saith the Lord
GOD: Behold, I am against the
shepherds; and I will require My sheep
at their hand, and cause them to cease
from feeding the sheep; neither shall
the shepherds feed themselves any
more; and I will deliver My sheep
from their mouth, that they may not be
food for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, here am I, and I will search
for My sheep, and seek them out. 12 As
a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the
day that he is among his sheep that are
separated, so will I seek out My sheep;
and I will deliver them out of all
places whither they have been
scattered in the day of clouds and thick
darkness. 13 And I will bring them out
from the peoples, and gather them
from the countries, and will bring them
into their own land; and I will feed
them upon the mountains of Israel, by
the streams, and in all the habitable
places of the country. 14 I will feed
them in a good pasture, and upon the

high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie down in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
15 I will feed My sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord
GOD. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; and the fat and the strong I will destroy, I will feed
them in justice. 17 And as for you, O My flock, thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, even the rams and the he-goats.
18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the settled waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?
19 And as for My sheep, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and the
lean cattle. 21 Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the weak with your horns, till ye have
scattered them abroad; 22 therefore will I save My flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge
between cattle and cattle. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even My servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall
be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David prince among them; I the LORD
have spoken. 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
26 And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of
blessing. 27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her produce, and they shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those
that made bondmen of them. 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them
afraid. 29 And I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land, neither bear the shame of the
nations any more. 30 And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people, saith the Lord
GOD. 31 And ye My sheep, the sheep of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord GOD.’

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:
2 ’Son of man, set thy face against

mount Seir, and prophesy against it,
[3]and say unto it: Thus saith the Lord
God: Behold, I am against thee, O
mount Seir, and I will stretch out My
hand against thee, and I will make thee
most desolate. [4]I will lay thy cities
waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and
thou shalt know that I am the Lord.
[5]Because thou hast had a hatred of old,
and hast hurled the children of Israel
unto the power of the sword in the
time of their calamity, in the time of
the iniquity of the end; [6]therefore, as I
live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare
thee unto blood, and blood shall
pursue thee; surely thou hast hated
thine own blood, therefore blood shall
pursue thee. [7]Thus will I make mount
Seir most desolate, and cut off from it
him that passeth through and him that
returneth. [8]And I will fill his
mountains with his slain; in thy hills
and in thy valleys and in all thy
streams shall they fall that are slain
with the sword. [9]I will make thee
perpetual desolations, and thy cities
shall not return; and ye shall know that
I am the Lord. [10]Because thou hast
said: These two nations and these two
countries shall be mine, and we will
possess it; whereas the Lord was there;
[11]therefore, as I live, saith the Lord
God, I will do according to thine anger
and according to thine envy, which
thou hast used out of thy hatred against
them; and I will make Myself known
among them, when I shall judge thee.
[12]And thou shalt know that I the Lord
have heard all thy blasphemies which
thou hast spoken against the mountains
of Israel, saying: They are laid
desolate, they are given us to devour.
[13]And ye have magnified yourselves
against Me with your mouth, and have
multiplied your words against Me; I
have heard it. [14]Thus saith the Lord
God: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I
will make thee desolate. [15]As thou
didst rejoice over the inheritance of the
house of Israel, because it was
desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou
shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all
Edom, even all of it; and they shall
know that I am the Lord.

36 And thou, son of man,
prophesy unto the mountains
of Israel, and say: Ye mountains of
Israel, hear the word of the Lord.
[2]Thus saith the Lord God: Because the
enemy hath said against you: Aha!
even the ancient high places are ours
in possession; [3]therefore prophesy, and
say: Thus saith the Lord God: Because,
even because they have made you
desolate, and swallowed you up on
every side, that ye might be a
possession unto the rest of the nations,
and ye are taken up in the lips of
talkers, and the evil report of the
people; [4]therefore, ye mountains of
Israel, hear the word of the Lord God:
Thus saith the Lord God to the
mountains and to the hills, to the
streams and to the valleys, to the
desolate wastes and to the cities that
are forsaken, which are become a prey
and derision to the residue of the

nations that are round about; [5]therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: Surely in the fire of My jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed My land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with disdain of soul, to cast it out for a prey; [6]therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the streams and to the valleys: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because ye have borne the shame of the nations; [7]therefore thus saith the Lord GOD: I have lifted up My hand: Surely the nations that are round about you, they shall bear their shame. [8]But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people Israel; for they are at hand to come. [9]For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown; [10]and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded; [11]and I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. [12]Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel, and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance; and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of children. [13]Thus saith the Lord GOD: Because they say unto you: Thou land art a devourer of men, and hast been a bereaver of thy nations; [14]therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord GOD; [15]neither will I suffer the shame of the nations any more to be heard against thee, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nations to stumble any more, saith the Lord GOD.’

[16]Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying: [17]’Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings; their way before Me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity. [18]Wherefore I poured out My fury upon them for the blood which they had shed upon the land, and because they had defiled it with their idols; [19]and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. [20]And when they came unto the nations, whither they came, they profaned My holy name; in that men said of them: These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of His land. [21]But I had pity for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they came. [22]Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I do

not this for your sake, O house of
Israel, but for My holy name, which ye
have profaned among the nations,
whither ye came. 23And I will sanctify
My great name, which hath been
profaned among the nations, which ye
have profaned in the midst of them;
and the nations shall know that I am
the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I
shall be sanctified in you before their
eyes. 24For I will take you from among
the nations, and gather you out of all
the countries, and will bring you into
your own land. 25And I will sprinkle
clean water upon you, and ye shall be
clean; from all your uncleannesses,
and from all your idols, will I cleanse
you. 26A new heart also will I give
you, and a new spirit will I put within
you; and I will take away the stony
heart out of your flesh, and I will give
you a heart of flesh. 27And I will put
My spirit within you, and cause you to
walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep
Mine ordinances, and do them. 28And
ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to
your fathers; and ye shall be My
people, and I will be your God. 29And I
will save you from all your
uncleannesses; and I will call for the
corn, and will increase it, and lay no
famine upon you. 30And I will multiply
the fruit of the tree, and the increase of
the field, that ye may receive no more
the reproach of famine among the
nations. 31Then shall ye remember
your evil ways, and your doings that
were not good; and ye shall loathe
yourselves in your own sight for your
iniquities and for your abominations.
32Not for your sake do I this, saith the
Lord GOD, be it known unto you; be
ashamed and confounded for your
ways, O house of Israel.

33Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the
day that I cleanse you from all your
iniquities, I will cause the cities to be
inhabited, and the waste places shall
be builded. 34And the land that was
desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was
a desolation in the sight of all that
passed by. 35And they shall say: This
land that was desolate is become like
the garden of Eden; and the waste and
desolate and ruined cities are fortified
and inhabited. 36Then the nations that
are left round about you shall know
that I the LORD have builded the ruined
places, and planted that which was
desolate; I the LORD have spoken it,
and I will do it.

37Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will yet
for this be inquired of by the house of
Israel, to do it for them; I will increase
them with men like a flock. 38As the
flock for sacrifice, as the flock of
Jerusalem in her appointed seasons, so
shall the waste cities be filled with
flocks of men; and they shall know
that I am the LORD.'

## 37

The hand of the LORD was
upon me, and the LORD carried
me out in a spirit, and set me down in
the midst of the valley, and it was full
of bones; 2and He caused me to pass
by them round about, and, behold,
there were very many in the open

valley; and, lo, they were very dry.
[3]And He said unto me: 'Son of man,
can these bones live?' And I answered:
'O Lord GOD, Thou knowest.' [4]Then
He said unto me: 'Prophesy over these
bones, and say unto them: O ye dry
bones, hear the word of the LORD:
[5]Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these
bones: Behold, I will cause breath to
enter into you, and ye shall live. [6]And I
will lay sinews upon you, and will
bring up flesh upon you, and cover
you with skin, and put breath in you,
and ye shall live; and ye shall know
that I am the LORD.' [7]So I prophesied
as I was commanded; and as I
prophesied, there was a noise, and
behold a commotion, and the bones
came together, bone to its bone. [8]And I
beheld, and, lo, there were sinews
upon them, and flesh came up, and
skin covered them above; but there
was no breath in them. [9]Then said He
unto me: 'Prophesy unto the breath,
prophesy, son of man, and say to the
breath: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Come
from the four winds, O breath, and
breathe upon these slain, that they may
live.' [10]So I prophesied as He
commanded me, and the breath came
into them, and they lived, and stood up
upon their feet, an exceeding great
host. [11]Then He said unto me: 'Son of
man, these bones are the whole house
of Israel; behold, they say: Our bones
are dried up, and our hope is lost; we
are clean cut off. [12]Therefore
prophesy, and say unto them: Thus
saith the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open
your graves, and cause you to come up
out of your graves, O My people; and I
will bring you into the land of Israel.
[13]And ye shall know that I am the
LORD, when I have opened your
graves, and caused you to come up out
of your graves, O My people. [14]And I
will put My spirit in you, and ye shall
live, and I will place you in your own
land; and ye shall know that I the LORD
have spoken, and performed it, saith
the LORD.'

[15]And the word of the LORD came
unto me, saying: [16]'And thou, son of
man, take thee one stick, and write
upon it: For Judah, and for the children
of Israel his companions; then take
another stick, and write upon it: For
Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and of all
the house of Israel his companions;
[17]and join them for thee one to another
into one stick, that they may become
one in thy hand. [18]And when the
children of thy people shall speak unto
thee, saying: Wilt thou not tell us what
thou meanest by these? [19]say into
them: Thus saith the Lord GOD:
Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph,
which is in the hand of Ephraim, and
the tribes of Israel his companions;
and I will put them unto him together
with the stick of Judah, and make them
one stick, and they shall be one in My
hand. [20]And the sticks whereon thou
writest shall be in thy hand before their
eyes. [21]And say unto them: Thus saith
the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the
children of Israel from among the
nations, whither they are gone, and

will gather them on every side, and
bring them into their own land; 22and I
will make them one nation in the land,
upon the mountains of Israel, and one
king shall be king to them all; and they
shall be no more two nations, neither
shall they be divided into two
kingdoms any more at all; 23neither
shall they defile themselves any more
with their idols, nor with their
detestable things, nor with any of their
transgressions; but I will save them out
of all their dwelling-places, wherein
they have sinned, and will cleanse
them; so shall they be My people, and
I will be their God. 24And My servant
David shall be king over them, and
they all shall have one shepherd; they
shall also walk in Mine ordinances,
and observe My statutes, and do them.
25And they shall dwell in the land that
I have given unto Jacob My servant,
wherein your fathers dwelt; and they
shall dwell therein, they, and their
children, and their children's children,
for ever; and David My servant shall
be their prince for ever. 26Moreover I
will make a covenant of peace with
them—it shall be an everlasting
covenant with them; and I will
establish them, and multiply them, and
will set My sanctuary in the midst of
them for ever. 27My dwelling-place
also shall be over them; and I will be
their God, and they shall be My
people. 28And the nations shall know
that I am the Lord that sanctify Israel,
when My sanctuary shall be in the
midst of them for ever.'

## 38

And the word of the Lord
came unto me, saying: 2'Son
of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the
land of Magog, the chief prince of
Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy
against him, 3and say: Thus saith the
Lord God: Behold, I am against thee,
O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and
Tubal; 4and I will turn thee about, and
put hooks into thy jaws, and I will
bring thee forth, and all thine army,
horses and horsemen, all of them
clothed most gorgeously, a great
company with buckler and shield, all
of them handling swords: 5Persia,
Cush, and Put with them, all of them
with shield and helmet; 6Gomer, and
all his bands; the house of Togarmah
in the uttermost parts of the north, and
all his bands; even many peoples with
thee. 7Be thou prepared, and prepare
for thyself, thou, and all thy company
that are assembled unto thee, and be
thou guarded of them. 8After many
days thou shalt be mustered for
service, in the latter years thou shalt
come against the land that is brought
back from the sword, that is gathered
out of many peoples, against the
mountains of Israel, which have been a
continual waste; but it is brought forth
out of the peoples, and they dwell
safely all of them. 9And thou shalt
ascend, thou shalt come like a storm,
thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the
land, thou, and all thy bands, and
many peoples with thee.

[10]Thus saith the Lord GOD: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device; [11]and thou shalt say: I will go up against the land of unwalled villages; I will come upon them that are at quiet, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates; [12]to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the middle of the earth. [13]Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the magnates thereof, shall say unto thee: Comest thou to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

[14]Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gog: Thus saith the Lord GOD: In that day when My people Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? [15]And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army; [16]and thou shalt come up against My people Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the end of days, and I will bring thee against My land, that the nations may know Me, when I shall be sanctified through thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

[17]Thus saith the Lord GOD: Art thou he of whom I spoke in old time by My servants the prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for many years, that I would bring thee against them? [18]And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that My fury shall arise up in My nostrils. [19]For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath have I spoken: Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; [20]so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep upon the ground, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at My presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. [21]And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD; every man’s sword shall be against his brother. [22]And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will cause to rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. [23]Thus will I magnify Myself, and sanctify Myself, and I will make Myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

39 And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say: Thus saith the Lord GOD: Behold,

I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince
of Meshech and Tubal; [2]and I will turn
thee about and lead thee on, and will
cause thee to come up from the
uttermost parts of the north; and I will
bring thee upon the mountains of
Israel; [3]and I will smite thy bow out of
thy left hand, and will cause thine
arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
[4]Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of
Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the
peoples that are with thee; I will give
thee unto the ravenous birds of every
sort and to the beasts of the field, to be
devoured. [5]Thou shalt fall upon the
open field; for I have spoken it, saith
the Lord GOD. [6]And I will send a fire
on Magog, and on them that dwell
safely in the isles; and they shall know
that I am the LORD. [7]And My holy
name will I make known in the midst
of My people Israel; neither will I
suffer My holy name to be profaned
any more; and the nations shall know
that I am the LORD, the Holy One in
Israel. [8]Behold, it cometh, and it shall
be done, saith the Lord GOD; This is
the day whereof I have spoken. [9]And
they that dwell in the cities of Israel
shall go forth, and shall make fires of
the weapons and use them as fuel, both
the shields and the bucklers, the bows
and the arrows, and the hand-staves,
and the spears, and they shall make
fires of them seven years; [10]so that
they shall take no wood out of the
field, neither cut down any out of the
forests, for they shall make fires of the
weapons; and they shall spoil those
that spoiled them, and rob those that
robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.

[11]And it shall come to pass in that
day, that I will give unto Gog a place
fit for burial in Israel, the valley of
them that pass through on the east of
the sea; and it shall stop them that pass
through; and there shall they bury Gog
and all his multitude; and they shall
call it the valley of [a]Hamon-gog. [12]And
seven months shall the house of Israel
be burying them, that they may cleanse
the land. [13]Yea, all the people of the
land shall bury them, and it shall be to
them a renown; in the day that I shall
be glorified, saith the Lord GOD. [14]And
they shall set apart men of continual
employment, that shall pass through
the land to bury with them that pass
through those that remain upon the
face of the land, to cleanse it; after the
end of seven months shall they search.
[15]And when they that pass through
shall pass through the land, and any
seeth a man's bone, then shall he set
up a sign by it, till the buriers have
buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.
[16]And [b]Hamonah shall also be the
name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse
the land.

[17]And thou, son of man, thus saith
the Lord GOD: Speak unto the birds of
every sort, and to every beast of the
field: Assemble yourselves, and come;
gather yourselves on every side to My
feast that I do prepare for you, even a

[a] That is, *The multitude of Gog*.
[b] That is, *Multitude*.

great feast, upon the mountains of
Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink
blood. 18 The flesh of the mighty shall
ye eat, and the blood of the princes of
the earth shall ye drink; rams, lambs,
and goats, bullocks, fatlings of Bashan
are they all of them. 19 And ye shall eat
fat till ye be full, and drink blood till
ye be drunken, of My feast which I
have prepared for you. 20 And ye shall
be filled at My table with horses and
horsemen, with mighty men, and with
all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.
21 And I will set My glory among the
nations, and all the nations shall see
My judgment that I have executed, and
My hand that I have laid upon them.
22 So the house of Israel shall know that
I am the LORD their God, from that day
and forward. 23 And the nations shall
know that the house of Israel went into
captivity for their iniquity, because
they broke faith with Me, and I hid My
face from them; so I gave them into
the hand of their adversaries, and they
fell all of them by the sword.
24 According to their uncleanness and
according to their transgressions did I
unto them; and I hid My face from
them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
Now will I bring back the captivity of
Jacob, and have compassion upon the
whole house of Israel; and I will be
jealous for My holy name. 26 And they
shall bear their shame, and all their
breach of faith which they have
committed against Me, when they
shall dwell safely in their land, and
none shall make them afraid; 27 when I
have brought them back from the
peoples, and gathered them out of their
enemies'lands, and am sanctified in
them in the sight of many nations.
28 And they shall know that I am the
LORD their God, in that I caused them
to go into captivity among the nations,
and have gathered them unto their own
land; and I will leave none of them any
more there; 29 neither will I hide My
face any more from them; for I have
poured out My spirit upon the house of
Israel, saith the Lord GOD.'

40 In the five and twentieth year
of our captivity, in the
beginning of the year, in the tenth day
of the month, in the fourteenth year
after that the city was smitten, in the
selfsame day, the hand of the LORD
was upon me, and He brought me
thither. 2 In the visions of God brought
He me into the land of Israel, and set
me down upon a very high mountain,
whereon was as it were the frame of a
city on the south. 3 And He brought me
thither, and, behold, there was a man,
whose appearance was like the
appearance of brass, with a line of flax
in his hand, and a measuring reed; and
he stood in the gate. 4 And the man said
unto me: 'Son of man, behold with
thine eyes, and hear with thine ears,
and set thy heart upon all that I shall
show thee, for to the intent that I might
show them unto thee art thou brought
thither; declare all that thou seest to
the house of Israel.'

[5]And behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long, of a cubit and a hand-breadth each; so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed, and the height, one reed.

[6]Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the steps thereof; and he measured the jamb of the gate, one reed broad, and the other jamb, one reed broad. [7]And every cell was one reed long, and one reed broad; and the space between the cells was five cubits; and the jambs of the gate by the porch of the gate within were one reed. [8]He measured also the porch of the gate toward the house, one reed. [9]Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the porch of the gate was inward. [10]And the cells of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure; and the posts had one measure on this side and on that side. [11]And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits; [12]and a border before the cells, one cubit [on this side], and a border, one cubit on that side; and the cells, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side. [13]And he measured the gate from the roof of the one cell to the roof of the other, a breadth of five and twenty cubits; door against door. [14]He made also posts of threescore cubits; even unto the posts of the court in the gates round about. [15]And from the forefront of the gate of the entrance unto the forefront of the inner porch of the gate were fifty cubits. [16]And there were narrow windows to the cells and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches; and windows were round about inward; and upon each post were palm-trees.

[17]Then brought he me into the outer court, and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about; thirty chambers were upon the pavement. [18]And the pavement was by the side of the gates, corresponding unto the length of the gates, even the lower pavement. [19]Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, a hundred cubits, eastward as also northward.

[20]And the gate of the outer court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof and the breadth thereof. [21]And the cells thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits. [22]And the windows thereof, and the arches thereof, and the palm-trees thereof, were after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and it was ascended by seven steps; and the arches thereof were before them. [23]And there was a gate to the inner court over against the

other gate, northward as also eastward;
and he measured from gate to gate a
hundred cubits.

24 And he led me toward the south,
and behold a gate toward the south;
and he measured the posts thereof, and
the arches thereof according to these
measures. 25 And there were windows
in it and in the arches thereof round
about, like those windows; the length
was fifty cubits, and the breadth five
and twenty cubits. 26 And there were
seven steps to go up to it, and the
arches thereof were before them; and it
had palm-trees, one on this side, and
another on that side, upon the posts
thereof. 27 And there was a gate to the
inner court toward the south; and he
measured from gate to gate toward the
south a hundred cubits.

28 Then he brought me to the inner
court by the south gate; and he
measured the south gate according to
these measures; 29 and the cells thereof,
and the posts thereof, and the arches
thereof, according to these measures;
and there were windows in it and in
the arches thereof round about; it was
fifty cubits long, and five and twenty
cubits broad. 30 And there were arches
round about, five and twenty cubits
long, and five cubits broad. 31 And the
arches thereof were toward the outer
court; and palm-trees were upon the
posts thereof; and the going up to it
had eight steps.

32 And he brought me into the inner
court toward the east; and he measured
the gate according to these measures;
33 and the cells thereof, and the posts
thereof, and the arches thereof,
according to these measures; and there
were windows therein and in the
arches thereof round about; it was fifty
cubits long, and five and twenty cubits
broad. 34 And the arches thereof were
toward the outer court; and palm-trees
were upon the posts thereof, on this
side, and on that side; and the going up
to it had eight steps.

35 And he brought me to the north
gate; and he measured it according to
these measures; 36 the cells thereof, the
posts thereof, and the arches thereof;
and there were windows therein round
about; the length was fifty cubits, and
the breadth five and twenty cubits.
37 And the posts thereof were toward
the outer court; and palm-trees were
upon the posts thereof, on this side,
and on that side; and the going up to it
had eight steps.

38 And a chamber with the entry
thereof was by the posts at the gates;
there was the burnt-offering to be
washed. 39 And in the porch of the gate
were two tables on this side, and two
tables on that side, to slay thereon the
burnt-offering and the sin-offering and
the guilt-offering. 40 And on the one
side without, as one goeth up to the
entry of the gate toward the north,
were two tables; and on the other side
of the porch of the gate were two
tables. 41 Four tables were on this side,
and four tables on that side, by the side
of the gate; eight tables, whereupon to
slay the sacrifices. 42 Moreover there

were four tables for the burnt-offering,
of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long,
and a cubit and a half broad, and one
cubit high, whereupon to lay the
instruments wherewith the burnt-
offering and the sacrifice are slain.
43 And the slabs, a handbreadth long,
were fastened within round about; and
upon the tables was to be the flesh of
the offering. 44 And without the inner
gate were chambers for the guard in
the inner court, which was at the side
of the north gate, and their prospect
was toward the south; one at the side
of the east gate having the prospect
toward the north. 45 And he said unto
me: 'This chamber, whose prospect is
toward the south, is for the priests, the
keepers of the charge of the house.
46 And the chamber whose prospect is
toward the north is for the priests, the
keepers of the charge of the altar; these
are the sons of Zadok, who from
among the sons of Levi come near to
the LORD to minister unto Him.'

47 And he measured the court, a
hundred cubits long, and a hundred
cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar
was before the house.

48 Then he brought me to the porch
of the house, and measured each post
of the porch, five cubits on this side,
and five cubits on that side; and the
breadth of the gate was three cubits on
this side, and three cubits on that side.
49 The length of the porch was twenty
cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits;
and it was by steps that it was
ascended; and there were pillars by the
posts, one on this side, and another on
that side.

41 And he brought me to [a]the
temple, and measured the
posts, six cubits broad on the one side,
and six cubits broad on the other side,
which was the breadth of the tent.
2 And the breadth of the entrance was
ten cubits; and the sides of the
entrance were five cubits on the one
side, and five cubits on the other side;
and he measured the length thereof,
forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty
cubits.

3 Then went he inward, and
measured each post of the entrance,
two cubits; and the entrance, six
cubits; and the breadth of the entrance,
seven cubits. 4 And he measured the
length thereof, twenty cubits, and the
breadth, twenty cubits, before the
temple; and he said unto me: 'This is
the most holy place.'

5 Then he measured the wall of the
house, six cubits; and the breadth of
every side-chamber, four cubits, round
about the house on every side. 6 And
the side-chambers were one over
another, three and thirty times; and
there were cornices in the wall which
belonged to the house for the side-
chambers round about, that they might
have hold therein, and not have hold in
the wall of the house. 7 And the side-
chambers were broader as they wound
about higher and higher; for the
winding about of the house went

[a] That is, *the holy place*.

higher and higher round about the house; therefore the breadth of the house continued upward; and so one went up from the lowest row to the highest by the middle. 8I saw also that the house had a raised basement round about; the foundations of the side-chambers were a full reed of six cubits to the joining. 9The breadth of the outer wall which belonged to the side-chambers was five cubits; and so that which was left by the structure of the side-chambers that belonged to the house. 10And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. 11And the doors of the side-chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south; and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

13And he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long; 14also the breadth of the face of the house and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits. 15And he measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits.

Now the temple, and the inner place, and the porches of the court, 16the jambs, and the narrow windows, and the galleries, that they three had round about, over against the jambs there was a veneering of wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows; and the windows were covered; 17to the space above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and on all the wall round about within and without, by measure. 18And it was made with cherubim and palm-trees; and a palm-tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; 19so that there was the face of a man toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side; thus was it made through all the house round about. 20From the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm-trees made; and so on the wall of the temple. 21As for the temple, the jambs were squared; and the face of the sanctuary had an appearance such as is the appearance.

22The altar, three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits, was of wood, and so the corners thereof; the length thereof, and the walls thereof, were also of wood; and he said unto me: ‘This is the table that is before the Lord.’

23And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. 24And the doors had

two leaves [apiece], two turning
leaves; two leaves for the one door,
and two leaves for the other. 25And
there were made on them, on the doors
of the temple, cherubim and palm-
trees, like as were made upon the
walls; and there were thick beams of
wood upon the face of the porch
without. 26And there were narrow
windows and palm-trees on the one
side and on the other side, on the sides
of the porch; there were also the
brackets of the house, and the thick
beams.

42 Then he brought me forth into
the outer court, the way
toward the north; and he brought me
into the chamber that was over against
the separate place, and which was over
against the building, toward the north,
2even to the front of the length of a
hundred cubits, with the door on the
north, and the breadth of fifty cubits,
3over against the twenty cubits which
belonged to the inner court, and over
against the pavement which belonged
to the outer court; with gallery against
gallery in three stories. 4And before
the chambers was a walk of ten cubits
breadth inward, a way of one cubit;
and their doors were toward the north.
5Now the upper chambers were
shorter; for the galleries took away
from these, more than from the lower
and the middlemost, in the building.
6For they were in three stories, and
they had not pillars as the pillars of the
courts; therefore room was taken away
from the lowest and the middlemost, in
comparison with the ground. 7And the
wall that was without by the side of
the chambers, toward the outer court in
front of the chambers, the length
thereof was fifty cubits. 8For the length
of the chambers that were toward the
outer court was fifty cubits; and, lo,
before the temple were a hundred
cubits. 9And from under these
chambers was the entry on the east
side, as one goeth into them from the
outer court. 10In the breadth of the wall
of the court toward the east, before the
separate place, and before the building,
there were chambers, 11with a way
before them; like the appearance of the
chambers which were toward the
north, as long as they, and as broad as
they, with all their goings out, and
according to their fashions; and as
their doors, 12so were also the doors of
the chambers that were toward the
south, there was a door in the head of
the way, even the way directly before
the wall, toward the way from the east,
as one entereth into them.

13Then said he unto me: 'The north
chambers and the south chambers,
which are before the separate place,
they are the holy chambers, where the
priests that are near unto the LORD
shall eat the most holy things; there
shall they lay the most holy things, and
the meal-offering, and the sin-offering,
and the guilt-offering; for the place is
holy. 14When the priests enter in, then
shall they not go out of the holy place
into the outer court, but there they
shall lay their garments wherein they

minister, for they are holy; and they
shall put on other garments, and shall
approach to that which pertaineth to
the people.'

15Now when he had made an end of
measuring the inner house, he brought
me forth by the way of the gate whose
prospect is toward the east, and
measured it round about. 16He
measured the east side with the
measuring reed, five hundred reeds,
with the measuring reed round about.
17He measured the north side, five
hundred reeds, with the measuring
reed round about. 18He measured the
south side, five hundred reeds, with
the measuring reed. 19He turned about
to the west side, and measured five
hundred reeds with the measuring
reed. 20He measured it by the four
sides; it had a wall round about, the
length five hundred, and the breadth
five hundred, to make a separation
between that which was holy and that
which was common.

43 Afterward he brought me to
the gate, even the gate that
looketh toward the east; 2and, behold,
the glory of the God of Israel came
from the way of the east; and His
voice was like the sound of many
waters; and the earth did shine with
His glory. 3And the appearance of the
vision which I saw was like the vision
that I saw when I came to destroy the
city; and the visions were like the
vision that I saw by the river Chebar;
and I fell upon my face. 4And the glory
of the LORD came into the house by the
way of the gate whose prospect is
toward the east. 5And a spirit took me
up, and brought me into the inner
court; and, behold, the glory of the
LORD filled the house. 6And I heard
one speaking unto me out of the house;
and a man stood by me. 7And He said
unto me: 'Son of man, this is the place
of My throne, and the place of the
soles of My feet, where I will dwell in
the midst of the children of Israel for
ever; and the house of Israel shall no
more defile My holy name, neither
they, nor their kings, by their harlotry,
and by the carcasses of their kings in
their high places; 8in their setting of
their threshold by My threshold, and
their door-post beside My door-post,
and there was but the wall between Me
and them; and they have defiled My
holy name by their abominations
which they have committed; wherefore
I have consumed them in Mine anger.
9Now let them put away their harlotry,
and the carcasses of their kings, far
from Me, and I will dwell in the midst
of them for ever.

10Thou, son of man, show the house
to the house of Israel, that they may be
ashamed of their iniquities; and let
them measure accurately. 11And if they
be ashamed of all that they have done,
make known unto them the form of the
house, and the fashion thereof, and the
goings out thereof, and the comings in
thereof, and all the forms thereof, and
all the ordinances thereof, and all the
forms thereof, and all the laws thereof,
and write it in their sight; that they

may keep the whole form thereof, and
all the ordinances thereof, and do
them.

[12]This is the law of the house: upon
the top of the mountain the whole limit
thereof round about shall be most holy.
Behold, this is the law of the house.

[13]And these are the measures of the
altar by cubits—the cubit is a cubit and
a handbreadth: the bottom shall be a
cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the
border thereof by the edge thereof
round about a span; and this shall be
the base of the altar. [14]And from the
bottom upon the ground to the lower
settle shall be two cubits, and the
breadth one cubit; and from the lesser
settle to the greater settle shall be four
cubits, and the breadth a cubit. [15]And
the hearth shall be four cubits; and
from the hearth and upward there shall
be four horns. [16]And the hearth shall
be twelve cubits long by twelve broad,
square in the four sides thereof. [17]And
the settle shall be fourteen cubits long
by fourteen broad in the four sides
thereof; and the border about it shall
be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof
shall be a cubit about; and the steps
thereof shall look toward the east.'

[18]And He said unto me: 'Son of
man, thus saith the Lord God: These
are the ordinances of the altar in the
day when they shall make it, to offer
burnt-offerings thereon, and to dash
blood against it. [19]Thou shalt give to
the priests the Levites that are of the
seed of Zadok, who are near unto Me,
to minister unto Me, saith the Lord
God, a young bullock for a sin-
offering. [20]And thou shalt take of the
blood thereof, and put it on the four
horns of it, and on the four corners of
the settle, and upon the border round
about; thus shalt thou purify it and
make atonement for it. [21]Thou shalt
also take the bullock of the sin-
offering, and it shall be burnt in the
appointed place of the house, without
the sanctuary. [22]And on the second day
thou shalt offer a he-goat without
blemish for a sin-offering; and they
shall purify the altar, as they did purify
it with the bullock. [23]When thou hast
made an end of purifying it, thou shalt
offer a young bullock without blemish,
and a ram out of the flock without
blemish. [24]And thou shalt present them
before the Lord, and the priests shall
cast salt upon them, and they shall
offer them up for a burnt-offering unto
the Lord. [25]Seven days shalt thou
prepare every day a goat for a sin-
offering; they shall also prepare a
young bullock, and a ram out of the
flock, without blemish. [26]Seven days
shall they make atonement for the altar
and cleanse it; so shall they consecrate
it. [27]And when they have accomplished
the days, it shall be that upon the
eighth day, and forward, the priests
shall make your burnt-offerings upon
the altar, and your peace-offerings;
and I will accept you, saith the Lord
God.'

44 Then he brought me back the
way of the outer gate of the
sanctuary, which looketh toward the

east; and it was shut. 2And the LORD
said unto me: ‘This gate shall be shut,
it shall not be opened, neither shall any
man enter in by it, for the LORD, the
God of Israel, hath entered in by it;
therefore it shall be shut. 3As for the
prince, being a prince, he shall sit
therein to eat bread before the LORD;
he shall enter by the way of the porch
of the gate, and shall go out by the
way of the same.’

4Then he brought me the way of the
north gate before the house; and I
looked, and, behold, the glory of the
LORD filled the house of the LORD; and
I fell upon my face. 5And the LORD
said unto me: ‘Son of man, mark well,
and behold with thine eyes, and hear
with thine ears all that I say unto thee
concerning all the ordinances of the
house of the LORD, and all the laws
thereof; and mark well the entering in
of the house, with every going forth of
the sanctuary. 6And thou shalt say to
the rebellious, even to the house of
Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: O ye
house of Israel, let it suffice you of all
your abominations, 7in that ye have
brought in aliens, uncircumcised in
heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be
in My sanctuary, to profane it, even
My house, when ye offer My bread,
the fat and the blood, and they have
broken My covenant, to add unto all
your abominations. 8And ye have not
kept the charge of My holy things; but
ye have set keepers of My charge in
My sanctuary to please yourselves.

9Thus saith the Lord GOD: No alien,
uncircumcised in heart and
uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into
My sanctuary, even any alien that is
among the children of Israel. 10But the
Levites, that went far from Me, when
Israel went astray, that went astray
from Me after their idols, they shall
bear their iniquity; 11and they shall be
ministers in My sanctuary, having
charge at the gates of the house, and
ministering in the house: they shall
slay the burnt-offering and the
sacrifice for the people, and they shall
stand before them to minister unto
them. 12Because they ministered unto
them before their idols, and became a
stumblingblock of iniquity unto the
house of Israel; therefore have I lifted
up My hand against them, saith the
Lord GOD, and they shall bear their
iniquity. 13And they shall not come
near unto Me, to minister unto Me in
the priest’s office, nor to come near to
any of My holy things, unto the things
that are most holy; but they shall bear
their shame, and their abominations
which they have committed. 14And I
will make them keepers of the charge
of the house, for all the service thereof,
and for all that shall be done therein.

15But the priests the Levites, the
sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of
My sanctuary when the children of
Israel went astray from Me, they shall
come near to Me to minister unto Me;
and they shall stand before Me to offer
unto Me the fat and the blood, saith the
Lord GOD; 16they shall enter into My

sanctuary, and they shall come near to
My table, to minister unto Me, and
they shall keep My charge. 17 And it
shall be that when they enter in at the
gates of the inner court, they shall be
clothed with linen garments; and no
wool shall come upon them, while
they minister in the gates of the inner
court, and within. 18 They shall have
linen tires upon their heads, and shall
have linen breeches upon their loins;
they shall not gird themselves with any
thing that causeth sweat. 19 And when
they go forth into the outer court, even
into the outer court to the people, they
shall put off their garments wherein
they minister, and lay them in the holy
chambers, and they shall put on other
garments, that they sanctify not the
people with their garments. 20 Neither
shall they shave their heads, nor suffer
their locks to grow long; they shall
only poll their heads. 21 Neither shall
any priest drink wine, when they enter
into the inner court. 22 Neither shall
they take for their wives a widow, nor
her that is put away; but they shall take
virgins of the seed of the house of
Israel, or a widow that is the widow of
a priest. 23 And they shall teach My
people the difference between the holy
and the common, and cause them to
discern between the unclean and the
clean. 24 And in a controversy they
shall stand to judge; according to Mine
ordinances shall they judge it; and they
shall keep My laws and My statutes in
all My appointed seasons, and they
shall hallow My sabbaths. 25 And they
shall come near no dead person to
defile themselves; but for father, or for
mother, or for son, or for daughter, for
brother, or for sister that hath had no
husband, they may defile themselves.
26 And after he is cleansed, they shall
reckon unto him seven days. 27 And in
the day that he goeth into the
sanctuary, into the inner court, to
minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer
his sin-offering, saith the Lord GOD.
28 And it shall be unto them for an
inheritance: I am their inheritance; and
ye shall give them no possession in
Israel: I am their possession. 29 The
meal-offering, and the sin-offering,
and the guilt-offering, they, even they,
shall eat; and every devoted thing in
Israel shall be theirs. 30 And the first of
all the first-fruits of every thing, and
every heave-offering of every thing, of
all your offerings, shall be for the
priests; ye shall also give unto the
priest the first of your dough, to cause
a blessing to rest on thy house. 31 The
priests shall not eat of any thing that
dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be
fowl or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall
divide by lot the land for
inheritance, ye shall set apart an
offering unto the LORD, a holy portion
of the land; the length shall be the
length of five and twenty thousand
reeds, and the breadth shall be ten
thousand; it shall be holy in all the
border thereof round about. 2 Of this
there shall be for the holy place five
hundred in length by five hundred in

breadth, square round about; and fifty
cubits for the open land round about it.
3And of this measure shalt thou
measure a length of five and twenty
thousand, and a breadth of ten
thousand; and in it shall be the
sanctuary, which is most holy. 4It is a
holy portion of the land; it shall be for
the priests, the ministers of the
sanctuary, that come near to minister
unto the LORD; and it shall be a place
for their houses, and a place
consecrated for the sanctuary. 5And
five and twenty thousand in length,
and ten thousand in breadth, which
shall be unto the Levites, the ministers
of the house, for a possession unto
themselves, for twenty chambers. 6And
ye shall appoint the possession of the
city five thousand broad, and five and
twenty thousand long, side by side
with the offering of the holy portion; it
shall be for the whole house of Israel.
7And for the prince, on the one side
and on the other side of the holy
offering and of the possession of the
city, in front of the holy offering and
in front of the possession of the city,
on the west side westward, and on the
east side eastward; and in length
answerable unto one of the portions,
from the west border unto the east
border 8of the land; it shall be to him
for a possession in Israel, and My
princes shall no more wrong My
people; but they shall give the land to
the house of Israel according to their
tribes.

9Thus saith the Lord GOD: Let it
suffice you, O princes of Israel;
remove violence and spoil, and
execute justice and righteousness; take
away your exactions from My people,
saith the Lord GOD.

10Ye shall have just balances, and a
just ephah, and a just bath. 11The
ephah and the bath shall be of one
measure, that the bath may contain the
tenth part of a homer, and the ephah
the tenth part of a homer; the measure
thereof shall be after the homer. 12And
the shekel shall be twenty gerahs;
twenty shekels, five and twenty
shekels, ten, and five shekels, shall be
your maneh.

13This is the offering that ye shall set
apart: the sixth part of an ephah out of
a homer of wheat, and ye shall give the
sixth part of an ephah out of a homer
of barley; 14and the set portion of oil,
the bath of oil, shall be the tithe of the
bath out of the cor, which is ten baths,
even a homer; for ten baths are a
homer; 15and one lamb of the flock,
out of two hundred, from the well-
watered pastures of Israel; for a meal-
offering, and for a burnt-offering, and
for peace-offerings, to make
atonement for them, saith the Lord
GOD.

16All the people of the land shall
give this offering for the prince in
Israel. 17And it shall be the prince’s
part to give the burnt-offerings, and
the meal-offerings, and the drink-
offerings, in the feasts, and in the new
moons, and in the sabbaths, in all the

appointed seasons of the house of
Israel; he shall prepare the sin-
offering, and the meal-offering, and
the burnt-offering, and the peace-
offerings, to make atonement for the
house of Israel.
18 Thus saith the Lord God: In the
first month, in the first day of the
month, thou shalt take a young bullock
without blemish; and thou shalt purify
the sanctuary. 19 And the priest shall
take of the blood of the sin-offering,
and put it upon the door-posts of the
house, and upon the four corners of the
settle of the altar, and upon the posts
of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so
thou shalt do on the seventh day of the
month for every one that erreth, and
for him that is simple; so shall ye
make atonement for the house. 21 In the
first month, in the fourteenth day of
the month, ye shall have the passover;
a feast of seven days; unleavened
bread shall be eaten. 22 And upon that
day shall the prince prepare for
himself and for all the people of the
land a bullock for a sin-offering. 23 And
the seven days of the feast he shall
prepare a burnt-offering to the Lord,
seven bullocks and seven rams without
blemish daily the seven days; and a he-
goat daily for a sin-offering. 24 And he
shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah
for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram,
and a hin of oil to an ephah. 25 In the
seventh month, in the fifteenth day of
the month, in the feast, shall he do the
like the seven days; to the sin-offering
as well as the burnt-offering, and the
meal-offering as well as the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord God: The
gate of the inner court that
looketh toward the east shall be shut
the six working days; but on the
sabbath day it shall be opened, and in
the day of the new moon it shall be
opened. 2 And the prince shall enter by
the way of the porch of the gate
without, and shall stand by the post of
the gate, and the priests shall prepare
his burnt-offering and his peace-
offerings, and he shall worship at the
threshold of the gate; then he shall go
forth; but the gate shall not be shut
until the evening. 3 Likewise the people
of the land shall worship at the door of
that gate before the Lord in the
sabbaths and in the new moons. 4 And
the burnt-offering that the prince shall
offer unto the Lord shall be in the
sabbath day six lambs without blemish
and a ram without blemish; 5 and the
meal-offering shall be an ephah for the
ram, and the meal-offering for the
lambs as he is able to give, and a hin
of oil to an ephah. 6 And in the day of
the new moon it shall be a young
bullock without blemish; and six
lambs, and a ram; they shall be
without blemish; 7 and he shall prepare
a meal-offering, an ephah for the
bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and
for the lambs according as his means
suffice, and a hin of oil to an ephah.
8 And when the prince shall enter, he
shall go in by the way of the porch of
the gate, and he shall go forth by the

way thereof. 9But when the people of
the land shall come before the LORD in
the appointed seasons, he that entereth
by the way of the north gate to
worship shall go forth by the way of
the south gate; and he that entereth by
the way of the south gate shall go forth
by the way of the north gate; he shall
not return by the way of the gate
whereby he came in, but shall go forth
straight before him. 10And the prince,
when they go in, shall go in in the
midst of them; and when they go forth,
they shall go forth together. 11And in
the feasts and in the appointed seasons
the meal-offering shall be an ephah for
a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and
for the lambs as he is able to give, and
a hin of oil to an ephah.

12And when the prince shall prepare
a freewill-offering, a burnt-offering or
peace-offerings as a freewill-offering
unto the LORD, one shall open for him
the gate that looketh toward the east,
and he shall prepare his burnt-offering
and his peace-offerings, as he doth on
the sabbath day; then he shall go forth;
and after his going forth one shall shut
the gate.

13And thou shalt prepare a lamb of
the first year without blemish for a
burnt-offering unto the LORD daily;
morning by morning shalt thou prepare
it. 14And thou shalt prepare a meal-
offering with it morning by morning,
the sixth part of an ephah, and the third
part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine
flour: a meal-offering unto the LORD
continually by a perpetual ordinance.
15Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and
the meal-offering, and the oil, morning
by morning, for a continual burnt-
offering.

16Thus saith the Lord GOD: If the
prince give a gift unto any of his sons,
it is his inheritance, it shall belong to
his sons; it is their possession by
inheritance. 17But if he give of his
inheritance a gift to one of his
servants, it shall be his to the year of
liberty; then it shall return to the
prince; but as for his inheritance, it
shall be for his sons. 18Moreover the
prince shall not take of the people's
inheritance, to thrust them wrongfully
out of their possession; he shall give
inheritance to his sons out of his own
possession; that My people be not
scattered every man from his
possession.'

19Then he brought me through the
entry, which was at the side of the
gate, into the holy chambers for the
priests, which looked toward the north;
and, behold, there was a place on the
hinder part westward. 20And he said
unto me: 'This is the place where the
priests shall boil the guilt-offering and
the sin-offering, where they shall bake
the meal-offering; that they bring them
not forth into the outer court, to
sanctify the people.'

21Then he brought me forth into the
outer court, and caused me to pass by
the four corners of the court; and,
behold, in every corner of the court
there was a court. 22In the four corners
of the court there were courts inclosed,

forty cubits long and thirty broad;
these four in the corners were of one
measure. 23 And there was a row of
masonry round about in them, round
about the four, and it was made with
boiling-places under the rows round
about. 24 Then said he unto me: ‘These
are the boiling-places, where the
ministers of the house shall boil the
sacrifices of the people.’

47 And he brought me back unto
the door of the house; and,
behold, waters issued out from under
the threshold of the house eastward,
for the forefront of the house looked
toward the east; and the waters came
down from under, from the right side
of the house, on the south of the altar.
2 Then brought he me out by the way of
the gate northward, and led me round
by the way without unto the outer gate,
by the way of the gate that looketh
toward the east; and, behold, there
trickled forth waters on the right side.

3 When the man went forth eastward
with the line in his hand, he measured
a thousand cubits, and he caused me to
pass through the waters, waters that
were to the ankles. 4 Again he
measured a thousand, and caused me
to pass through the waters, waters that
were to the knees. Again he measured
a thousand, and caused me to pass
through waters that were to the loins.
5 Afterward he measured a thousand;
and it was a river that I could not pass
through; for the waters were risen,
waters to swim in, a river that could
not be passed through. 6 And he said
unto me: ‘Hast thou seen this, O son of
man?’ Then he led me, and caused me
to return to the bank of the river.

7 Now when I had been brought
back, behold, upon the bank of the
river were very many trees on the one
side and on the other. 8 Then said he
unto me: ‘These waters issue forth
toward the eastern region, and shall go
down into the Arabah; and when they
shall enter into the sea, into the sea of
the putrid waters, the waters shall be
healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that
every living creature wherewith it
swarmeth, whithersoever the rivers
shall come, shall live; and there shall
be a very great multitude of fish; for
these waters are come thither, that all
things be healed and may live
whithersoever the river cometh. 10 And
it shall come to pass, that fishers shall
stand by it from En-gedi even unto En-
eglaim; there shall be a place for the
spreading of nets; their fish shall be
after their kinds, as the fish of the
Great Sea, exceeding many. 11 But the
miry places thereof, and the marshes
thereof, shall not be healed; they shall
be given for salt. 12 And by the river
upon the bank thereof, on this side and
on that side, shall grow every tree for
food, whose leaf shall not wither,
neither shall the fruit thereof fail; it
shall bring forth new fruit every
month, because the waters thereof
issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit
thereof shall be for food, and the leaf
thereof for healing.’

13 Thus saith the Lord GOD: 'This
shall be the border, whereby ye shall
divide the land for inheritance
according to the twelve tribes of Israel,
Joseph receiving two portions. 14 And
ye shall inherit it, one as well as
another, concerning which I lifted up
My hand to give it unto your fathers;
and this land shall fall unto you for
inheritance. 15 And this shall be the
border of the land: on the north side,
from the Great Sea, by the way of
Hethlon, unto the entrance of Zedad;
16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is
between the border of Damascus and
the border of Hamath; Hazer-hatticon,
which is by the border of Hauran.
17 And the border from the sea shall be
Hazar-enon at the border of Damascus,
and on the north northward is the
border of Hamath. This is the north
side. 18 And the east side, between
Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and
the land of Israel, by the Jordan, from
the border unto the east sea shall ye
measure. This is the east side. 19 And
the south side southward shall be from
Tamar as far as the waters of
Meriboth-kadesh, to the Brook, unto
the Great Sea. This is the south side
southward. 20 And the west side shall
be the Great Sea, from the border as
far as over against the entrance of
Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto
you according to the tribes of Israel.
22 And it shall come to pass, that ye
shall divide it by lot for an inheritance
unto you and to the strangers that
sojourn among you, who shall beget
children among you; and they shall be
unto you as the home-born among the
children of Israel; they shall have
inheritance with you among the tribes
of Israel. 23 And it shall come to pass,
that in what tribe the stranger
sojourneth, there shall ye give him his
inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.

48 Now these are the names of
the tribes: from the north end,
beside the way of Hethlon to the
entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enan, at the
border of Damascus, northward,
beside Hamath; and they shall have
their sides east and west: Dan, one
portion. 2 And by the border of Dan,
from the east side unto the west side:
Asher, one portion. 3 And by the border
of Asher, from the east side even unto
the west side: Naphtali, one portion.
4 And by the border of Naphtali, from
the east side unto the west side:
Manasseh, one portion. 5 And by the
border of Manasseh, from the east side
unto the west side: Ephraim, one
portion. 6 And by the border of
Ephraim, from the east side even unto
the west side: Reuben, one portion.
7 And by the border of Reuben, from
the east side unto the west side: Judah,
one portion.

8 And by the border of Judah, from
the east side unto the west side, shall
be the offering which ye shall set
aside, five and twenty thousand reeds
in breadth, and in length as one of the
portions, from the east side unto the
west side; and the sanctuary shall be in

the midst of it. [9]The offering that ye
shall set apart unto the LORD shall be
five and twenty thousand reeds in
length, and ten thousand in breadth.
[10]And for these, even for the priests,
shall be the holy offering; toward the
north five and twenty thousand [in
length], and toward the west ten
thousand in breadth, and toward the
east ten thousand in breadth, and
toward the south five and twenty
thousand in length; and the sanctuary
of the LORD shall be in the midst
thereof. [11]The sanctified portion shall
be for the priests of the sons of Zadok,
that have kept My charge, that went
not astray when the children of Israel
went astray, as the Levites went astray.
[12]And it shall be unto them a portion
set apart from the offering of the land,
a thing most holy, by the border of the
Levites. [13]And answerable unto the
border of the priests, the Levites shall
have five and twenty thousand in
length, and ten thousand in breadth; all
the length shall be five and twenty
thousand, and the breadth ten
thousand. [14]And they shall not sell of
it, nor exchange, nor alienate the first
portion of the land; for it is holy unto
the LORD.

[15]And the five thousand that are left
in the breadth, in front of the five and
twenty thousand, shall be for common
use, for the city, for dwelling and for
open land; and the city shall be in the
midst thereof. [16]And these shall be the
measures thereof: the north side four
thousand and five hundred, and the
south side four thousand and five
hundred, and on the east side four
thousand and five hundred, and the
west side four thousand and five
hundred. [17]And the city shall have
open land: toward the north two
hundred and fifty, and toward the
south two hundred and fifty, and
toward the east two hundred and fifty,
and toward the west two hundred and
fifty. [18]And the residue in the length,
answerable unto the holy offering,
shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten
thousand westward; and it shall be
answerable unto the holy offering; and
the increase thereof shall be for food
unto them that serve the city. [19]And
they that serve the city, out of all the
tribes of Israel, shall till it. [20]All the
offering shall be five and twenty
thousand by five and twenty thousand;
ye shall set apart the holy offering
foursquare, with the possession of the
city.

[21]And the residue shall be for the
prince, on the one side and on the
other of the holy offering and of the
possession of the city, in front of the
five and twenty thousand of the
offering toward the east border, and
westward in front of the five and
twenty thousand toward the west
border, answerable unto the portions, it
shall be for the prince; and the holy
offering and the sanctuary of the house
shall be in the midst thereof. [22]Thus
the possession of the Levites, and the
possession of the city, shall be in the
midst of that which is the prince's;

between the border of Judah and the
border of Benjamin shall be the
prince's.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes:
from the east side unto the west side:
Benjamin, one portion. 24 And by the
border of Benjamin, from the east side
unto the west side: Simeon, one
portion. 25 And by the border of
Simeon, from the east side unto the
west side: Issachar, one portion. 26 And
by the border of Issachar, from the east
side unto the west side: Zebulun, one
portion. 27 And by the border of
Zebulun, from the east side unto the
west side: Gad, one portion. 28 And by
the border of Gad, at the south side
southward, the border shall be even
from Tamar unto the waters of
Meribath-kadesh, to the Brook, unto
the Great Sea. 29 This is the land which
ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of
Israel for inheritance, and these are
their portions, saith the Lord God.

30 And these are the goings out of the
city: on the north side four thousand
and five hundred reeds by measure;
31 and the gates of the city shall be after
the names of the tribes of Israel; three
gates northward: the gate of Reuben,
one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of
Levi, one; 32 and at the east side four
thousand and five hundred reeds; and
three gates: even the gate of Joseph,
one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the
gate of Dan, one; 33 and at the south
side four thousand and five hundred
reeds by measure; and three gates: the
gate of Simeon, one; the gate of
Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulun,
one; 34 at the west side four thousand
and five hundred reeds, with their
three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the
gate of Asher, one; the gate of
Naphtali, one. 35 It shall be eighteen
thousand reeds round about. And the
name of the city from that day shall be,
The LORD is there.'

# חושע

# HOSEA

1 The word of the LORD that came unto Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

[2]When the LORD spoke at first with Hosea, the LORD said unto Hosea: ‘Go, take unto thee a wife of harlotry and children of harlotry; for the land doth commit great harlotry, departing from the LORD.’ [3]So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bore him a son. [4]And the LORD said unto him: ‘Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will visit the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel. [5]And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.’ [6]And she conceived again, and bore a daughter. And He said unto him: ‘Call her name [a]Lo-ruhamah; for I will no more have compassion upon the house of Israel, that I should in any wise pardon them. [7]But I will have compassion upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, nor by horses, nor by horsemen.’ [8]Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bore a son. [9]And He said: ‘Call his name [b]Lo-ammi; for ye are not My people, and I will not be yours.’

2 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, instead of that which was said unto them: ‘Ye are not My people’, it shall be said unto them: ‘Ye are the children of the living God.’ [2]And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up out of the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel. [3]Say ye unto your brethren: ‘[c]Ammi’; and to your sisters, ‘[d]Ruhamah.’

[4]Plead with your mother, plead;
For she is not My wife, neither am I
her husband;
And let her put away her harlotries
from her face,

[a] That is, *That hath not obtained compassion.*

[b] That is, *Not My people.*

[c] That is, *My people.*

[d] That is, *That hath obtained compassion.*

And her adulteries from between her
breasts;
5 Lest I strip her naked,
And set her as in the day that she
was born,
And make her as a wilderness,
And set her like a dry land,
And slay her with thirst.
6 And I will not have compassion
upon her children;
For they are children of harlotry.
7 For their mother hath played the
harlot,
She that conceived them hath done
shamefully;
For she said: 'I will go after my
lovers,
That give me my bread and my
water,
My wool and my flax, mine oil and
my drink.'
8 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up
thy way with thorns,
And I will make a wall against her,
That she shall not find her paths.
9 And she shall run after her lovers,
but she shall not overtake them,
And she shall seek them, but shall
not find them;
Then shall she say: 'I will go and
return to my first husband;
For then was it better with me than
now.'
10 For she did not know that it was I
that gave her
The corn, and the wine, and the oil,
And multiplied unto her silver and
gold,
Which they used for Baal.
11 Therefore will I take back My corn
in the time thereof,
And My wine in the season thereof,
And will snatch away My wool and
My flax
Given to cover her nakedness.
12 And now will I uncover her shame
in the sight of her lovers,
And none shall deliver her out of
My hand.
13 I will also cause all her mirth to
cease,
Her feasts, her new moons, and her
sabbaths,
And all her appointed seasons.
14 And I will lay waste her vines and
her fig-trees,
Whereof she hath said: 'These are
my hire
That my lovers have given me';
And I will make them a forest,
And the beasts of the field shall eat
them.
15 And I will visit upon her the days
of the Baalim,
Wherein she offered unto them,
And decked herself with her ear-
rings and her jewels,
And went after her lovers,
And forgot Me, saith the Lord.
16 Therefore, behold, I will allure
her,
And bring her into the wilderness,
And speak tenderly unto her.
17 And I will give her her vineyards
from thence,

And the valley of [a]Achor for a door of hope;
And she shall respond there, as in the days of her youth,
And as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.

18And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD,
That thou shalt call Me [b]Ishi,
And shalt call Me no more [c]Baali.
19For I will take away the names of the Baalim out of her mouth,
And they shall no more be mentioned by their name.
20And in that day will I make a covenant for them
With the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven,
And with the creeping things of the ground;
And I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land,
And will make them to lie down safely.
21And I will betroth thee unto Me for ever;
Yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in justice,
And in lovingkindness, and in compassion.
22And I will betroth thee unto Me in faithfulness;
And thou shalt know the LORD.

[a] That is, *Troubling.*
[b] That is, *My husband.*
[c] That is, *My master.*

23And it shall come to pass in that day,
I will respond, saith the LORD, I will respond to the heavens,
And they shall respond to the earth;
24And the earth shall respond to the corn, and the wine, and the oil;
And they shall respond to [d]Jezreel.
25And I will sow her unto Me in the land;
And I will have compassion upon her that had not obtained compassion;
And I will say to them that were not My people: ‘Thou art My people’;
And they shall say: ‘Thou art my God.’

3 And the LORD said unto me: ‘Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend and an adulteress, even as the LORD loveth the children of Israel, though they turn unto other gods, and
love cakes of raisins. 2So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer of barley, and a half-homer of
barley; 3and I said unto her: ‘Thou shalt sit solitary for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be any man’s wife; nor will I
be thine.’ 4For the children of Israel shall sit solitary many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without pillar, and
without ephod or teraphim; 5afterward
shall the children of Israel return, and

[d] That is, *Whom God soweth.*

seek the Lord their God, and David their king; and shall come trembling unto the Lord and to His goodness in the end of days.

4 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel!
For the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land,
Because there is no truth, nor mercy,
Nor knowledge of God in the land.
2 Swearing and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery!
They break all bounds, and blood toucheth blood.
3 Therefore doth the land mourn,
And every one that dwelleth therein doth languish,
With the beasts of the field, and the fowls of heaven;
Yea, the fishes of the sea also are taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reprove;
For thy people are as they that strive with the priest.
5 Therefore shalt thou stumble in the day,
And the prophet also shall stumble with thee in the night;
And I will destroy thy mother.
6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge;
Because thou hast rejected knowledge,
I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to Me;
Seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God,
I also will forget thy children.

7 The more they were increased, the more they sinned against Me;
I will change their glory into shame.
8 They feed on the sin of My people,
And set their heart on their iniquity.
9 And it is like people, like priest;
And I will punish him for his ways,
And will recompense him his doings.
10 And they shall eat, and not have enough,
They shall commit harlotry, and shall not increase;
Because they have left off to take heed to the Lord.
11 Harlotry, wine, and new wine take away the heart.
12 My people ask counsel at their stock,
And their staff declareth unto them;
For the spirit of harlotry hath caused them to err,
And they have gone astray from under their God.
13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains,
And offer upon the hills,
Under oaks and poplars and terebinths,
Because the shadow thereof is good;
Therefore your daughters commit harlotry,
And your daughters-in-law commit adultery.

14 I will not punish your daughters
when they commit harlotry,
Nor your daughters-in-law when
they commit adultery;
For they themselves consort with
lewd women,
And they sacrifice with harlots;
And the people that is without
understanding is distraught.

15 Though thou, Israel, play the
harlot,
Yet let not Judah become guilty;
And come not ye unto Gilgal,
Neither go ye up to Beth-aven,
Nor swear: 'As the LORD liveth.'
16 For Israel is stubborn like a
stubborn heifer;
Now shall the LORD feed them as a
lamb in a large place?
17 Ephraim is joined to idols;
Let him alone.
18 When their carouse is over,
They take to harlotry;
Her rulers deeply love dishonour.
19 The wind hath bound her up in her
skirts;
And they shall be ashamed because
of their sacrifices.

5 Hear this, O ye priests,
And attend, ye house of Israel,
And give ear, O house of the king,
For unto you pertaineth the
judgment;
For ye have been a snare on Mizpah,
And a net spread upon Tabor.
2 And they that fall away are gone
deep in making slaughter;
And I am rejected of them all.
3 I, even I, know Ephraim,
And Israel is not hid from Me;
For now, O Ephraim, thou hast
committed harlotry,
Israel is defiled.
4 Their doings will not suffer them
To return unto their God;
For the spirit of harlotry is within
them,
And they know not the LORD.
5 But the pride of Israel shall testify
to his face;
And Israel and Ephraim shall
stumble in their iniquity,
Judah also shall stumble with them.
6 With their flocks and with their
herds they shall go
To seek the LORD, but they shall not
find Him;
He hath withdrawn Himself from
them.
7 They have dealt treacherously
against the LORD,
For they have begotten strange
children;
Now shall the new moon devour
them with their portions.

8 Blow ye the horn in Gibeah,
And the trumpet in Ramah;
Sound an alarm at Beth-aven:
'Behind thee, O Benjamin! '
9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the
day of rebuke;
Among the tribes of Israel do I
make known that which shall
surely be.

10 The princes of Judah are like them
that remove the landmark;
I will pour out My wrath upon them
like water.
11 Oppressed is Ephraim, crushed in
his right;
Because he willingly walked after
filth.
12 Therefore am I unto Ephraim as a
moth,
And to the house of Judah as
rottenness.
13 And when Ephraim saw his
sickness,
And Judah his wound,
Ephraim went to Assyria,
And sent to King Contentious;
But he is not able to heal you,
Neither shall he cure you of your
wound.
14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a
lion,
And as a young lion to the house of
Judah;
I, even I, will tear and go away,
I will take away, and there shall be
none to deliver.
15 I will go and return to My place,
Till they acknowledge their guilt,
and seek My face;
In their trouble they will seek Me
earnestly:

6 'Come, and let us return unto the
LORD;
For He hath torn, and He will heal
us,
He hath smitten, and He will bind us
up.
2 After two days will He revive us,
On the third day He will raise us up,
that we may live in His presence.
3 And let us know, eagerly strive to
know the LORD,
His going forth is sure as the
morning;
And He shall come unto us as the
rain,
As the latter rain that watereth the
earth.'

4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto
thee?
O Judah, what shall I do unto thee?
For your goodness is as a morning
cloud,
And as the dew that early passeth
away.
5 Therefore have I hewed them by
the prophets,
I have slain them by the words of
My mouth;
And thy judgment goeth forth as the
light.
6 For I desire mercy, and not
sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God rather
than burnt-offerings.

7 But they like men have
transgressed the covenant;
There have they dealt treacherously
against Me.
8 Gilead is a city of them that work
iniquity,
It is covered with footprints of
blood.
9 And as troops of robbers wait for a
man,

So doth the company of priests;
They murder in the way toward Shechem;
Yea, they commit enormity.
10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing;
There harlotry is found in Ephraim, Israel is defiled.
11 Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for thee!

When I would turn the captivity of My people,
7 When I would heal Israel,
Then is the iniquity of Ephraim uncovered,
And the wickedness of Samaria,
For they commit falsehood;
And the thief entereth in,
And the troop of robbers maketh a raid without.
2 And let them not say to their heart—
I remember all their wickedness;
Now their own doings have beset them about,
They are before My face.
3 They make the king glad with their wickedness,
And the princes with their lies.
4 They are all adulterers,
As an oven heated by the baker,
Who ceaseth to stir
From the kneading of the dough until it be leavened.
5 On the day of our king
The princes make him sick with the heat of wine,
He stretcheth out his hand with scorners.
6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait;
Their baker sleepeth all the night,
In the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.
7 They are all hot as an oven,
And devour their judges;
All their kings are fallen,
There is none among them that calleth unto Me.

8 Ephraim, he mixeth himself with the peoples;
Ephraim is become a cake not turned.
9 Strangers have devoured his strength,
And he knoweth it not;
Yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him,
And he knoweth it not.
10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face;
But they have not returned unto the LORD their God,
Nor sought Him, for all this.
11 And Ephraim is become like a silly dove, without understanding;
They call unto Egypt, they go to Assyria.
12 Even as they go, I will spread My net upon them;
I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven;

I will chastise them, as their congregation hath been made to hear.
13Woe unto them! for they have strayed from Me;
Destruction unto them! for they have transgressed against Me;
Shall I then redeem them,
Seeing they have spoken lies against Me?
14And they have not cried unto Me with their heart,
Though they wail upon their beds;
They assemble themselves for corn and wine, they rebel against Me.
15Though I have trained and strengthened their arms,
Yet do they devise evil against Me.
16They return, but not upwards;
They are become like a deceitful bow;
Their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue;
This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

8 Set the horn to thy mouth.
As a vulture he cometh against the house of the LORD;
Because they have transgressed My covenant,
And trespassed against My law.
2Will they cry unto Me:
'My God, we Israel know Thee'?
3Israel hath cast off that which is good;
The enemy shall pursue him.
4They have set up kings, but not from Me,
They have made princes, and I knew it not;
Of their silver and their gold have they made them idols,
That they may be cut off.
5Thy calf, O Samaria, is cast off;
Mine anger is kindled against them;
How long will it be ere they attain to innocency?
6For from Israel is even this:
The craftsman made it, and it is no God;
Yea, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in shivers.
7For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind;
It hath no stalk, the bud that shall yield no meal;
If so be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up.

8Israel is swallowed up;
Now are they become among the nations
As a vessel wherein is no value.
9For they are gone up to Assyria,
Like a wild ass alone by himself;
Ephraim hath hired lovers.
10Yea, though they hire among the nations,
Now will I gather them up;
And they begin to be minished
By reason of the burden of king and princes.
11For Ephraim hath multiplied altars to sin,
Yea, altars have been unto him to sin.

[12]Though I write for him never so many things of My Law,
They are accounted as a stranger's.
[13]As for the sacrifices that are made by fire unto Me,
Let them sacrifice flesh and eat it,
For the LORD accepteth them not.
Now will He remember their iniquity, and punish their sins;
They shall return to Egypt.
[14]For Israel hath forgotten his Maker,
And builded palaces,
And Judah hath multiplied fortified cities;
But I will send a fire upon his cities,
And it shall devour the castles thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Israel, unto exultation, like the peoples,
For thou hast gone astray from thy God,
Thou hast loved a harlot's hire upon every corn-floor.
[2]The threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed them,
And the new wine shall fail her.
[3]They shall not dwell in the LORD'S land;
But Ephraim shall return to Egypt,
And they shall eat unclean food in Assyria.
[4]They shall not pour out wine-offerings to the LORD,
Neither shall they be pleasing unto Him;
Their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners,
All that eat thereof shall be polluted;
For their bread shall be for their appetite,
It shall not come into the house of the LORD.
[5]What will ye do in the day of the appointed season,
And in the day of the feast of the LORD?
[6]For, lo, they are gone away from destruction,
Yet Egypt shall gather them up,
Memphis shall bury them;
Their precious treasures of silver, nettles shall possess them,
Thorns shall be in their tents.
[7]The days of visitation are come,
The days of recompense are come,
Israel shall know it.
The prophet is a fool, the man of the spirit is mad!
For the multitude of thine iniquity, the enmity is great.
[8]Ephraim is a watchman with my God;
As for the prophet, a fowler's snare is in all his ways,
And enmity in the house of his God.
[9]They have deeply corrupted themselves,
As in the days of Gibeah;
He will remember their iniquity,
He will punish their sins.

[10]I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness,
I saw your fathers as the first-ripe in the fig-tree at her first season;

But so soon as they came to Baal-peor,
They separated themselves unto the shameful thing,
And became detestable like that which they loved.
11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird;
There shall be no birth, and none with child, and no conception.
12 Yea, though they bring up their children,
Yet will I bereave them, that there be not a man left;
Yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!
13 Ephraim, like as I have seen Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place;
But Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the slayer.
14 Give them, O LORD, whatsoever Thou wilt give;
Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal,
For there I hated them;
Because of the wickedness of their doings
I will drive them out of My house;
I will love them no more,
All their princes are rebellious.
16 Ephraim is smitten,
Their root is dried up,
They shall bear no fruit;
Yea, though they bring forth,
Yet will I slay the beloved fruit of their womb.
17 My God will cast them away,
Because they did not hearken unto Him;
And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10 Israel was a luxuriant vine,
Which put forth fruit freely:
As his fruit increased,
He increased his altars;
The more goodly his land was,
The more goodly were his pillars.
2 Their heart is divided;
Now shall they bear their guilt;
He will break down their altars,
He will spoil their pillars.
3 Surely now shall they say:
'We have no king;
For we feared not the LORD;
And the king, what can he do for us?'
4 They speak words,
They swear falsely, they make covenants;
Thus judgment springeth up as hemlock
In the furrows of the field.
5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in dread
For the calves of Beth-aven;
For the people thereof shall mourn over it,
And the priests thereof shall tremble for it,
For its glory, because it is departed from it.
6 It also shall be carried unto Assyria,
For a present to King Contentious;
Ephraim shall receive shame,

And Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.
7 As for Samaria, her king is cut off,
As foam upon the water.
8 The high places also of Aven shall be destroyed,
Even the sin of Israel.
The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars;
And they shall say to the mountains: 'Cover us',
And to the hills: 'Fall on us.'

9 From the days of Gibeah thou hast sinned, O Israel;
There they stood;
No battle was to overtake them in Gibeah,
Nor the children of arrogancy.
10 When it is My desire, I will chastise them;
And the peoples shall be gathered against them,
When they are yoked to their two rings.
11 And Ephraim is a heifer well broken,
That loveth to thresh,
And I have passed over upon her fair neck;
I will make Ephraim to ride, Judah shall plow,
Jacob shall break his clods.
12 Sow to yourselves according to righteousness,
Reap according to mercy,
Break up your fallow ground;
For it is time to seek the LORD,
Till He come and cause righteousness to rain upon you.
13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity,
Ye have eaten the fruit of lies;
For thou didst trust in thy way,
In the multitude of thy mighty men.
14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy hosts,
And all thy fortresses shall be spoiled,
As Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle;
The mother was dashed in pieces with her children.
15 So hath Beth-el done unto you
Because of your great wickedness;
At daybreak is the king of Israel utterly cut off.

11 When Israel was a child, then I loved him,
And out of Egypt I called My son.
2 The more they called them, the more they went from them;
They sacrificed unto the Baalim,
And offered to graven images.
3 And I, I taught Ephraim to walk,
Taking them by their arms;
But they knew not that I healed them.
4 I drew them with cords of a man,
With bands of love;
And I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws,
And I fed them gently.
5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt,
But the Assyrian shall be his king,

Because they refused to return.
6 And the sword shall fall upon his cities,
And shall consume his bars, and devour them,
Because of their own counsels.

7 And My people are in suspense about returning to Me;
And though they call them upwards,
None at all will lift himself up.
8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?
How shall I surrender thee, Israel?
How shall I make thee as Admah?
How shall I set thee as Zeboim?
My heart is turned within Me,
My compassions are kindled together.
9 I will not execute the fierceness of Mine anger,
I will not return to destroy Ephraim;
For I am God, and not man,
The Holy One in the midst of thee;
And I will not come in fury.
10 They shall walk after the LORD,
Who shall roar like a lion;
For He shall roar,
And the children shall come trembling from the west.
11 They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt,
And as a dove out of the land of Assyria;
And I will make them to dwell in their houses, saith the LORD.

12 Ephraim compasseth Me about with lies,
And the house of Israel with deceit;
And Judah is yet wayward towards God,
And towards the Holy One who is faithful.
2 Ephraim striveth after wind, and followeth after the east wind;
All the day he multiplieth lies and desolation;
And they make a covenant with Assyria,
And oil is carried into Egypt.
3 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah,
And will punish Jacob according to his ways,
According to his doings will He recompense him.
4 In the womb he took his brother by the heel,
And by his strength he strove with a godlike being;
5 So he strove with an angel, and prevailed;
He wept, and made supplication unto him;
At Beth-el he would find him,
And there he would speak with us;
6 But the LORD, the God of hosts,
The LORD is His name.
7 Therefore turn thou to thy God;
Keep mercy and justice,
And wait for thy God continually.
8 As for the trafficker, the balances of deceit are in his hand.
He loveth to oppress.
9 And Ephraim said: ‘Surely I am become rich,
I have found me wealth;

In all my labours they shall find in
me
No iniquity that were sin.'
10But I am the LORD thy God
From the land of Egypt;
I will yet again make thee to dwell
in tents,
As in the days of the appointed
season.
11I have also spoken unto the
prophets,
And I have multiplied visions;
And by the ministry of the prophets
have I used similitudes.
12If Gilead be given to iniquity
Becoming altogether vanity,
In Gilgal they sacrifice unto
bullocks;
Yea, their altars shall be as heaps
In the furrows of the field.

13And Jacob fled into the field of
Aram,
And Israel served for a wife,
And for a wife he kept sheep.
14And by a prophet the LORD brought
Israel up out of Egypt,
And by a prophet was he kept.
15Ephraim hath provoked most
bitterly;
Therefore shall his blood be cast
upon him,
And his reproach shall his Lord
return unto him.

13 When Ephraim spoke, there
was trembling,
He exalted himself in Israel;
But when he became guilty through
Baal, he died.
2And now they sin more and more,
And have made them molten images
of their silver,
According to their own
understanding, even idols,
All of them the work of the
craftsmen;
Of them they say:
'They that sacrifice men kiss
calves.'
3Therefore they shall be as the
morning cloud,
And as the dew that early passeth
away,
As the chaff that is driven with the
wind out of the threshing-floor,
And as the smoke out of the
window.

4Yet I am the LORD thy God
From the land of Egypt;
And thou knowest no God but Me,
And beside Me there is no saviour.
5I did know thee in the wilderness,
In the land of great drought.
6When they were fed, they became
full,
They were filled, and their heart was
exalted;
Therefore have they forgotten Me.
7Therefore am I become unto them
as a lion;
As a leopard will I watch by the
way;
8I will meet them as a bear that is
bereaved of her whelps,

And will rend the enclosure of their heart;
And there will I devour them like a lioness;
The wild beast shall tear them.

9 It is thy destruction, O Israel,
That thou art against Me, against thy help.
10 Ho, now, thy king,
That he may save thee in all thy cities!
And thy judges, of whom thou saidst:
'Give me a king and princes! '
11 I give thee a king in Mine anger,
And take him away in My wrath.

12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;
His sin is laid up in store.
13 The throes of a travailing woman shall come upon him;
He is an unwise son;
For it is time he should not tarry
In the place of the breaking forth of children.
14 Shall I ransom them from the power of the nether-world?
Shall I redeem them from death?
Ho, thy plagues, O death!
Ho, thy destruction, O netherworld!
Repentance be hid from Mine eyes!
15 For though he be fruitful among the reed-plants,
An east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord coming up from the wilderness,
And his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up;
He shall spoil the treasure of all precious vessels.

14 Samaria shall bear her guilt,
For she hath rebelled against her God;
They shall fall by the sword;
Their infants shall be dashed in pieces,
And their women with child shall be ripped up.
2 Return, O Israel, unto the Lord thy God;
For thou hast stumbled in thine iniquity.
3 Take with you words,
And return unto the Lord;
Say unto Him: 'Forgive all iniquity,
And accept that which is good;
So will we render for bullocks the offering of our lips.
4 Asshur shall not save us;
We will not ride upon horses;
Neither will we call any more the work of our hands our gods;
For in Thee the fatherless findeth mercy.'
5 I will heal their backsliding,
I will love them freely;
For Mine anger is turned away from him.
6 I will be as the dew unto Israel;
He shall blossom as the lily,
And cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
7 His branches shall spread,
And his beauty shall be as the olive-tree,

And his fragrance as Lebanon.
8They that dwell under his shadow shall again
Make corn to grow,
And shall blossom as the vine;
The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.
9Ephraim [shall say]:
'What have I to do any more with idols?'
As for Me, I respond and look on him;
I am like a leafy cypress-tree;
From Me is thy fruit found.
10Whoso is wise, let him understand these things,
Whoso is prudent, let him know them.
For the ways of the Lord are right,
And the just do walk in them;
But transgressors do stumble therein.

# יואל
# JOEL

1 The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2Hear this, ye old men,
And give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.
Hath this been in your days,
Or in the days of your fathers?
3Tell ye your children of it,
And let your children tell their children,
And their children another generation.
4That which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten;
And that which the locust hath left hath the canker-worm eaten;
And that which the canker-worm hath left hath the caterpiller eaten.
5Awake, ye drunkards, and weep,
And wail, all ye drinkers of wine,
Because of the sweet wine,
For it is cut off from your mouth.
6For a people is come up upon my land,
Mighty, and without number;
His teeth are the teeth of a lion,
And he hath the jaw-teeth of a lioness.
7He hath laid my vine waste,
And blasted my fig-tree;
He hath made it clean bare, and cast it down,
The branches thereof are made white.

8Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth

For the husband of her youth.
9The meal-offering and the drink-offering is cut off
From the house of the LORD;
The priests mourn,
Even the LORD'S ministers.
10The field is wasted,
The land mourneth;
For the corn is wasted,
The new wine is dried up,
The oil languisheth.
11Be ashamed, O ye husbandmen,
Wail, O ye vinedressers,
For the wheat and for the barley;
Because the harvest of the field is perished.
12The vine is withered,
And the fig-tree languisheth;
The pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree,
Even all the trees of the field, are withered;
For joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests,
Wail, ye ministers of the altar;
Come, lie all night in sackcloth,
Ye ministers of my God;
For the meal-offering and the drink-offering is withholden
From the house of your God.
14Sanctify ye a fast,
Call a solemn assembly,
Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
Unto the house of the LORD your God,
And cry unto the LORD.

15Alas for the day!
For the day of the LORD is at hand,
And as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
16Is not the food cut off
Before our eyes,
Yea, joy and gladness
From the house of our God?
17The grains shrivel under their hoes;
The garners are laid desolate,
The barns are broken down;
For the corn is withered.
18How do the beasts groan!
The herds of cattle are perplexed,
Because they have no pasture;
Yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.
19Unto Thee, O LORD, do I cry;
For the fire hath devoured
The pastures of the wilderness,
And the flame hath set ablaze
All the trees of the field.
20Yea, the beasts of the field pant unto Thee;
For the water brooks are dried up,
And the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the horn in Zion,
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain;
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;
For the day of the LORD cometh,
For it is at hand;
2A day of darkness and gloominess,

A day of clouds and thick darkness,
As blackness spread upon the mountains;
A great people and a mighty,
There hath not been ever the like,
Neither shall be any more after them,
Even to the years of many generations.
3 A fire devoureth before them,
And behind them a flame blazeth;
The land is as the garden of Eden before them,
And behind them a desolate wilderness;
Yea, and nothing escapeth them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses;
And as horsemen, so do they run.
5 Like the noise of chariots,
On the tops of the mountains do they leap,
Like the noise of a flame of fire
That devoureth the stubble,
As a mighty people set in battle array.
6 At their presence the peoples are in anguish;
All faces have gathered blackness.
7 They run like mighty men,
They climb the wall like men of war;
And they move on every one in his ways,
And they entangle not their paths.
8 Neither doth one thrust another,
They march every one in his highway;
And they break through the weapons,
And suffer no harm.
9 They leap upon the city,
They run upon the wall,
They climb up into the houses;
They enter in at the windows like a thief.
10 Before them the earth quaketh,
The heavens tremble;
The sun and the moon are become black,
And the stars withdraw their shining.
11 And the LORD uttereth His voice before His army;
For His camp is very great,
For he is mighty that executeth His word;
For great is the day of the LORD and very terrible;
And who can abide it?

12 Yet even now, saith the LORD,
Turn ye unto Me with all your heart,
And with fasting, and with weeping, and with lamentation;
13 And rend your heart, and not your garments,
And turn unto the LORD your God;
For He is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering, and abundant in mercy,
And repenteth Him of the evil.
14 Who knoweth whether He will not turn and repent,
And leave a blessing behind Him,
Even a meal-offering and a drink-offering

Unto the Lord your God?

[15]Blow the horn in Zion,
Sanctify a fast, call a solemn
assembly;
[16]Gather the people,
Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders,
Gather the children,
And those that suck the breasts;
Let the bridegroom go forth from
his chamber,
And the bride out of her pavilion.
[17]Let the priests, the ministers of the
Lord,
Weep between the porch and the
altar,
And let them say: ‘Spare thy people,
O Lord,
And give not Thy heritage to
reproach,
That the nations should make them a
byword:
Wherefore should they say among
the peoples:
Where is their God?’
[18]Then was the Lord jealous for His
land,
And had pity on His people.
[19]And the Lord answered and said
unto His people:
‘Behold, I will send you corn, and
wine, and oil,
And ye shall be satisfied therewith;
And I will no more make you a
reproach among the nations;
[20]But I will remove far off from you
the northern one,
And will drive him into a land
barren and desolate,
With his face toward the eastern sea,
And his hinder part toward the
western sea;
That his foulness may come up, and
his ill savour may come up,
Because he hath done great things.’

[21]Fear not, O land, be glad and
rejoice;
For the Lord hath done great things.
[22]Be not afraid, ye beasts of the
field;
For the pastures of the wilderness do
spring,
For the tree beareth its fruit,
The fig-tree and the vine do yield
their strength.
[23]Be glad then, ye children of Zion,
and rejoice
In the Lord your God;
For He giveth you the former rain in
just measure,
And He causeth to come down for
you the rain,
The former rain and the latter rain,
at the first.
[24]And the floors shall be full of
corn,
And the vats shall overflow with
wine and oil.
[25]And I will restore to you the years
that the locust hath eaten,
The canker-worm, and the
caterpiller, and the palmer-worm,
My great army which I sent among
you.

26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
And shall praise the name of the LORD your God,
That hath dealt wondrously with you;
And My people shall never be ashamed.
27 And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
And that I am the LORD your God, and there is none else;
And My people shall never be ashamed.

3 And it shall come to pass afterward,
That I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions;
2 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids
In those days will I pour out My spirit.
3 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth,
Blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
4 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.
5 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered;
For in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape,
As the LORD hath said,
And among the remnant those whom the LORD shall call.

4 For, behold, in those days, and in that time,
When I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
2 I will gather all nations,
And will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat;
And I will enter into judgment with them there
For My people and for My heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations,
And divided My land.
3 And they have cast lots for My people;
And have given a boy for an harlot,
And sold a girl for wine, and have drunk.

4 And also what are ye to Me, O
Tyre, and Zidon, and all the regions of
Philistia? will ye render retribution on
My behalf? and if ye render retribution
on My behalf, swiftly, speedily will I
return your retribution upon your own
head. 5 Forasmuch as ye have taken My
silver and My gold, and have carried
into your temples My goodly
treasures; 6 the children also of Judah
and the children of Jerusalem have ye
sold unto the sons of Jevanim, that ye
might remove them far from their

border; [7]behold, I will stir them up out
of the place whither ye have sold
them, and will return your retribution
upon your own head; [8]and I will sell
your sons and your daughters into the
hand of the children of Judah, and they
shall sell them to the men of Sheba, to
a nation far off; for the LORD hath
spoken.

[9]Proclaim ye this among the nations,
Prepare war;
Stir up the mighty men;
Let all the men of war draw near,
Let them come up.
[10]Beat your plowshares into swords,
And your pruning-hooks into spears;
Let the weak say: 'I am strong.'
[11]Haste ye, and come, all ye nations
round about,
And gather yourselves together;
Thither cause Thy mighty ones to
come down, O LORD!
[12]Let the nations be stirred up, and
come up
To the valley of [a]Jehoshaphat;
For there will I sit to judge
All the nations round about.
[13]Put ye in the sickle,
For the harvest is ripe;
Come, tread ye,
For the winepress is full, the vats
overflow;
For their wickedness is great.

[14]Multitudes, multitudes in the
valley of decision!
For the day of the LORD is near in
the valley of decision.
[15]The sun and the moon are become
black,
And the stars withdraw their
shining.
[16]And the LORD shall roar from Zion,
And utter His voice from Jerusalem,
And the heavens and the earth shall
shake;
But the LORD will be a refuge unto
His people,
And a stronghold to the children of
Israel.
[17]So shall ye know that I am the
LORD your God,
Dwelling in Zion My holy
mountain;
Then shall Jerusalem be holy,
And there shall no strangers pass
through her any more.

[18]And it shall come to pass in that
day,
That the mountains shall drop down
sweet wine,
And the hills shall flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah shall
flow with waters;
And a fountain shall come forth of
the house of the LORD,
And shall water the valley of
Shittim.
[19]Egypt shall be a desolation,
And Edom shall be a desolate
wilderness,
For the violence against the children
of Judah,

[a] That is, *The Lord judgeth*.

Because they have shed innocent
blood in their land.
20But Judah shall be inhabited for
ever,
And Jerusalem from generation to
generation.
21And I will hold as innocent their
blood that I have not held as
innocent;
And the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

# עמוס
# AMOS

1 The words of Amos, who was
among the herdmen of Tekoa,
which he saw concerning Israel in the
days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in
the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash
king of Israel, two years before the
earthquake.

2And he said:
The LORD roareth from Zion,
And uttereth His voice from
Jerusalem; and the pastures of the
shepherds shall mourn, and the
top of Carmel shall wither.

3For thus saith the LORD: For three
transgressions of Damascus, yea,
for four, I will not reverse it:
because they have threshed
Gilead with sledges of iron.
4So will I send a fire into the house
of Hazael, and it shall devour the
palaces of Ben-hadad;
5And I will break the bar of
Damascus, and cut off the
inhabitant from Bikath-Aven, and
him that holdeth the sceptre from
Beth-eden; and the people of
Aram shall go into captivity unto
Kir, saith the LORD.

6Thus saith the LORD: For three
transgressions of Gaza, yea, for
four, I will not reverse it: because
they carried away captive a whole
captivity, to deliver them up to
Edom.
7So will I send a fire on the wall of
Gaza, and it shall devour the
palaces thereof;
8And I will cut off the inhabitant
from Ashdod, and him that
holdeth the sceptre from
Ashkelon; and I will turn My
hand against Ekron, and the
remnant of the Philistines shall
perish, saith the Lord GOD.

9Thus saith the LORD: For three
transgressions of Tyre, yea, for
four, I will not reverse it: because
they delivered up a whole

captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant.
10So will I send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

11Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Edom, yea, for four, I will not reverse it: because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever.
12So will I send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, yea, for four, I will not reverse it: because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge their border.
14So will I kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tempest in the day of the whirlwind;
15And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD:
For three transgressions of Moab,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it:
Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime.
2So will I send a fire upon Moab,
And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth;
And Moab shall die with tumult,
With shouting, and with the sound of the horn;
3And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof,
And will slay all the princes thereof with him,
Saith the LORD.

4Thus saith the LORD:
For three transgressions of Judah,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it:
Because they have rejected the law of the LORD,
And have not kept His statutes,
And their lies have caused them to err,
After which their fathers did walk.
5So will I send a fire upon Judah,
And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6Thus saith the LORD:
For three transgressions of Israel,
Yea, for four, I will not reverse it:
Because they sell the righteous for silver,
And the needy for a pair of shoes;
7That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor,
And turn aside the way of the humble;
And a man and his father go unto the same maid,
To profane My holy name;

8 And they lay themselves down beside every altar
Upon clothes taken in pledge,
And in the house of their God they drink
The wine of them that have been fined.
9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them,
Whose height was like the height of the cedars,
And he was strong as the oaks;
Yet I destroyed his fruit from above,
And his roots from beneath.
10 Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt,
And led you forty years in the wilderness,
To possess the land of the Amorites.
11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets,
And of your young men for Nazirites.
Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel?
Saith the LORD.
12 But ye gave the Nazirites wine to drink;
And commanded the prophets, saying: 'Prophesy not.'
13 Behold, I will make it creak under you,
As a cart creaketh that is full of sheaves.
14 And flight shall fail the swift,
And the strong shall not exert his strength,
Neither shall the mighty deliver himself;
15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow;
And he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself;
Neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself;
16 And he that is courageous among the mighty
Shall flee away naked in that day,
Saith the LORD.

3 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying:

2 You only have I known of all the families of the earth;
Therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities.

3 Will two walk together,
Except they have agreed?
4 Will a lion roar in the forest,
When he hath no prey?
Will a young lion give forth his voice out of his den,
If he have taken nothing?
5 Will a bird fall in a snare upon the earth,
Where there is no lure for it?
Will a snare spring up from the ground,
And have taken nothing at all?
6 Shall the horn be blown in a city,
And the people not tremble?
Shall evil befall a city,
And the LORD hath not done it?
7 For the Lord GOD will do nothing,

But He revealeth His counsel unto
His servants the prophets.
8 The lion hath roared,
Who will not fear?
The Lord GOD hath spoken,
Who can but prophesy?

9 Proclaim it upon the palaces at
Ashdod,
And upon the palaces in the land of
Egypt,
And say: 'Assemble yourselves
upon the mountains of Samaria,
And behold the great confusions
therein,
And the oppressions in the midst
thereof.'
10 For they know not to do right,
saith the LORD,
Who store up violence and robbery
in their palaces.
11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD:
An adversary, even round about the
land!
And he shall bring down thy
strength from thee,
And thy palaces shall be spoiled.
12 Thus saith the LORD:
As the shepherd rescueth out of the
mouth of the lion
Two legs, or a piece of an ear,
So shall the children of Israel that
dwell in Samaria
Escape with the corner of a couch,
and the leg of a bed.

13 Hear ye, and testify against the
house of Jacob,
Saith the Lord GOD, the God of
hosts.
14 For in the day that I shall visit the
transgressions of Israel upon him,
I will also punish the altars of Beth-
el,
And the horns of the altar shall be
cut off,
And fall to the ground.
15 And I will smite the winter-house
with the summer-house;
And the houses of ivory shall perish,
And the great houses shall have an
end,
Saith the LORD.

4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, That are in the mountain of Samaria,
That oppress the poor, that crush the
needy,
That say unto their lords: 'Bring,
that we may feast.'
2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by His
holiness:
Lo, surely the days shall come upon
you,
That ye shall be taken away with
hooks,
And your residue with fish-hooks.
3 And ye shall go out at the breaches,
every one straight before her;
And ye shall be cast into Harmon,
Saith the LORD.

4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress,
To Gilgal, and multiply
transgression;

And bring your sacrifices in the morning,
And your tithes after three days;
5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened,
And proclaim freewill-offerings and publish them;
For so ye love to do, O ye children of Israel,
Saith the Lord GOD.

6 And I also have given you
Cleanness of teeth in all your cities,
And want of bread in all your places;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the LORD.

7 And I also have withholden the rain from you,
When there were yet three months to the harvest;
And I caused it to rain upon one city,
And caused it not to rain upon another city;
One piece was rained upon,
And the piece whereupon it rained not withered.
8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city
To drink water, and were not satisfied;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the LORD.

9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew;
The multitude of your gardens and your vineyards
And your fig-trees and your olive-trees
Hath the palmer-worm devoured;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the LORD.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence in the way of Egypt;
Your young men have I slain with the sword,
And have carried away your horses;
And I have made the stench of your camp to come up even into your nostrils;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the LORD.

11 I have overthrown some of you,
As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
And ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning;
Yet have ye not returned unto Me,
Saith the LORD.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel;
Because I will do this unto thee,
Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.
13 For, lo, He that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind,
And declareth unto man what is his thought,
That maketh the morning darkness,
And treadeth upon the high places of the earth;

The LORD, the God of hosts, is His
name.

5 Hear ye this word which I take up
for a lamentation over you, O
house of Israel:
2The virgin of Israel is fallen,
She shall no more rise;
She is cast down upon her land,
There is none to raise her up.
3For thus saith the Lord GOD: The city
that went forth a thousand shall have a
hundred left, and that which went forth
a hundred shall have ten left, of the
house of Israel.

4For thus saith the LORD unto the
house of Israel:
Seek ye Me, and live;
5But seek not Beth-el,
Nor enter into Gilgal,
And pass not to Beer-sheba;
For Gilgal shall surely go into
captivity,
And Beth-el shall come to nought.
6Seek the LORD, and live—
Lest He break out like fire in the
house of Joseph,
And it devour, and there be none to
quench it in Bethel—
7Ye who turn judgment to
wormwood,
And cast righteousness to the
ground;
8Him that maketh the Pleiades and
Orion,
And bringeth on the shadow of
death in the morning,
And darkeneth the day into night;
That calleth for the waters of the
sea,
And poureth them out upon the face
of the earth;
The LORD is His name;
9That causeth destruction to flash
upon the strong,
So that destruction cometh upon the
fortress.

10They hate him that reproveth in
the gate,
And they abhor him that speaketh
uprightly.
11Therefore, because ye trample
upon the poor,
And take from him exactions of
wheat;
Ye have built houses of hewn stone,
But ye shall not dwell in them,
Ye have planted pleasant vineyards,
But ye shall not drink wine thereof.
12For I know how manifold are your
transgressions,
And how mighty are your sins;
Ye that afflict the just, that take a
ransom,
And that turn aside the needy in the
gate.
13Therefore the prudent doth keep
silence in such a time;
For it is an evil time.

14Seek good, and not evil, that ye
may live;
And so the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be with you, as ye say.
15Hate the evil, and love the good,
And establish justice in the gate;

It may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
Will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16Therefore thus saith the LORD,
The God of hosts, the Lord:
Lamentation shall be in all the broad places,
And they shall say in all the streets: 'Alas! alas! '
And they shall call the husbandman to mourning,
And proclaim lamentation to such as are skilful of wailing.
17And in all vineyards shall be lamentation;
For I will pass through the midst of thee,
Saith the LORD.

18Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD!
Wherefore would ye have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light.
19As if a man did flee from a lion,
And a bear met him;
And went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall,
And a serpent bit him.
20Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light?
Even very dark, and no brightness in it?
21I hate, I despise your feasts,
And I will take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22Yea, though ye offer me burnt-offerings and your meal-offerings,
I will not accept them;
Neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts.
23Take thou away from Me the noise of thy songs;
And let Me not hear the melody of thy psalteries.
24But let justice well up as waters,
And righteousness as a mighty stream.
25Did ye bring unto Me sacrifices and
offerings in the wilderness forty years,
O house of Israel? 26So shall ye take
up Siccuth your king and Chiun your
images, the star of your god, which ye
made to yourselves. 27Therefore will I
cause you to go into captivity beyond
Damascus, saith He, whose name is
the LORD God of hosts.

6 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion,
And to them that are secure in the mountain of Samaria,
The notable men of the first of the nations,
To whom the house of Israel come!
2Pass ye unto Calneh, and see,
And from thence go ye to Hamath the great;
Then go down to Gath of the Philistines;
Are they better than these kingdoms?
Or is their border greater than your border?

[3]Ye that put far away the evil day,
And cause the seat of violence to come near;
[4]That lie upon beds of ivory,
And stretch themselves upon their couches,
And eat the lambs out of the flock,
And the calves out of the midst of the stall;
[5]That thrum on the psaltery,
That devise for themselves instruments of music, like David;
[6]That drink wine in bowls,
And anoint themselves with the chief ointments;
But they are not grieved for the hurt of Joseph.
[7]Therefore now shall they go captive at the head of them that go captive,
And the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away.
[8]The Lord God hath sworn by Himself,
Saith the Lord, the God of hosts:
I abhor the pride of Jacob,
And hate his palaces;
And I will deliver up the city with all that is therein.

[9]And it shall come to pass, if there
remain ten men in one house, that they
shall die. [10]And when a man's uncle
shall take him up, even he that burneth
him, to bring out the bones out of the
house, and shall say unto him that is in
the innermost parts of the house: 'Is
there yet any with thee?' and he shall
say: 'No'; then shall he say: 'Hold thy
peace; for we must not make mention
of the name of the Lord.'

[11]For, behold, the Lord commandeth,
And the great house shall be smitten into splinters,
And the little house into chips.
[12]Do horses run upon the rocks?
Doth one plow there with oxen?
That ye have turned justice into gall,
And the fruit of righteousness into wormwood;
[13]Ye that rejoice in a thing of nought,
That say: 'Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?'

[14]For, behold, I will raise up against
you a nation, O house of Israel, saith
the Lord, the God of hosts; and they
shall afflict you from the entrance of
Hamath unto the Brook of the Arabah.

7 Thus the Lord God showed me;
and, behold, He formed locusts in
the beginning of the shooting up of the
latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter
growth after the king's mowings. [2]And
if it had come to pass, that when they
had made an end of eating the grass of
the land—so I said:

O Lord God, forgive, I beseech Thee;
How shall Jacob stand? for he is small.

[3]The Lord repented concerning this; 'It
shall not be', saith the Lord.

4 Thus the Lord GOD showed me;
and, behold, the Lord GOD called to
contend by fire; and it devoured the
great deep, and would have eaten up
the land. 5 Then said I:

O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech Thee;
How shall Jacob stand? for he is
small.

6 The LORD repented concerning this;
'This also shall not be', saith the Lord
GOD.

7 Thus He showed me; and, behold,
the Lord stood beside a wall made by a
plumbline, with a plumbline in His
hand. 8 And the LORD said unto me:
'Amos, what seest thou?' And I said:
'A plumbline.' Then said the Lord:

Behold, I will set a plumbline in the
midst of My people Israel;
I will not again pardon them any
more;
9 And the high places of Isaac shall
be desolate,
And the sanctuaries of Israel shall
be laid waste;
And I will rise against the house of
Jeroboam with the sword.

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-
el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel,
saying: 'Amos hath conspired against
thee in the midst of the house of Israel;
the land is not able to bear all his
words. 11 For thus Amos saith:

Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
And Israel shall surely be led away
captive out of his land.'

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos: 'O
thou seer, go, flee thee away into the
land of Judah, and there eat bread, and
prophesy there; 13 but prophesy not
again any more at Beth-el, for it is the
king's sanctuary, and it is a royal
house.' 14 Then answered Amos, and
said to Amaziah: 'I was no prophet,
neither was I a prophet's son; but I
was a herdman, and a dresser of
sycamore-trees; 15 and the LORD took
me from following the flock, and the
LORD said unto me: Go, prophesy unto
My people Israel. 16 Now therefore hear
thou the word of the LORD:

Thou sayest: Prophesy not against
Israel,
And preach not against the house of
Isaac;
17 Therefore thus saith the LORD:
Thy wife shall be a harlot in the
city,
And thy sons and thy daughters
shall fall by the sword,
And thy land shall be divided by
line;
And thou thyself shalt die in an
unclean land,
And Israel shall surely be led away
captive out of his land.'

8 Thus the Lord GOD showed me;
and behold a basket of summer
fruit. 2 And He said: 'Amos, what seest
thou?' And I said: 'A basket of
[a]summer fruit.' Then said the LORD
unto me:

[a] Heb. *kaiz*

The [a]end is come upon My people
Israel;
I will not again pardon them any
more.
3And the songs of the palace shall
be wailings in that day,
Saith the Lord GOD;
The dead bodies shall be many;
In every place silence shall be cast.

4Hear this, O ye that would swallow
the needy,
And destroy the poor of the land,
5Saying: 'When will the new moon
be gone, that we may sell grain?
And the sabbath, that we may set
forth corn?
Making the ephah small, and the
shekel great,
And falsifying the balances of
deceit;
6That we may buy the poor for
silver,
And the needy for a pair of shoes,
And sell the refuse of the corn?'
7The LORD hath sworn by the pride
of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of
their works.
8Shall not the land tremble for this,
And every one mourn that dwelleth
therein?
Yea, it shall rise up wholly like the
River;
And it shall be troubled and sink
again, like the River of Egypt.

9And it shall come to pass in that
day,
Saith the Lord GOD,
That I will cause the sun to go down
at noon,
And I will darken the earth in the
clear day.
10And I will turn your feasts into
mourning,
And all your songs into lamentation;
And I will bring up sackcloth upon
all loins,
And baldness upon every head;
And I will make it as the mourning
for an only son,
And the end thereof as a bitter day.

11Behold, the days come, saith the
Lord GOD,
That I will send a famine in the
land,
Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst
for water,
But of hearing the words of the
LORD.
12And they shall wander from sea to
sea,
And from the north even to the east;
They shall run to and fro to seek the
word of the LORD,
And shall not find it.
13In that day shall the fair virgins
And the young men faint for thirst.
14They that swear by the sin of
Samaria,
And say: 'As thy God, O Dan,
liveth';
And: 'As the way of Beer-sheba
liveth';

[a] Heb. kez

Even they shall fall, and never rise
up again.

9 I saw the Lord standing beside the
altar; and He said:
Smite the capitals, that the posts
may shake;
And break them in pieces on the
head of all of them;
And I will slay the residue of them
with the sword;
There shall not one of them flee
away,
And there shall not one of them
escape.
2 Though they dig into the nether-
world,
Thence shall My hand take them;
And though they climb up to
heaven,
Thence will I bring them down.
3 And though they hide themselves
in the top of Carmel,
I will search and take them out
thence;
And though they be hid from My
sight in the bottom of the sea,
Thence will I command the serpent,
and he shall bite them.
4 And though they go into captivity
before their enemies,
Thence will I command the sword,
and it shall slay them;
And I will set Mine eyes upon them
For evil, and not for good.

5 For the Lord, the GOD of hosts,
Is He that toucheth the land and it
melteth,
And all that dwell therein mourn;
And it riseth up wholly like the
River,
And sinketh again, like the River of
Egypt;
6 It is He that buildeth His upper
chambers in the heaven,
And hath founded His vault upon
the earth;
He that calleth for the waters of the
sea,
And poureth them out upon the face
of the earth;
The LORD is His name.
7 Are ye not as the children of the
Ethiopians unto Me,
O children of Israel? saith the LORD.
Have not I brought up Israel out of
the land of Egypt,
And the Philistines from Caphtor,
And Aram from Kir?
8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD
Are upon the sinful kingdom,
And I will destroy it from off the
face of the earth;
Saving that I will not utterly destroy
the house of Jacob,
Saith the LORD.
9 For, lo, I will command, and I will
sift the house of Israel among all
the nations,
Like as corn is sifted in a sieve,
Yet shall not the least grain fall
upon the earth.
10 All the sinners of My people shall
die by the sword,
That say: ‘The evil shall not
overtake nor confront us.’

11 In that day will I raise up
The tabernacle of David that is fallen,
And close up the breaches thereof,
And I will raise up his ruins,
And I will build it as in the days of old;
12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom,
And all the nations, upon whom My name is called,
Saith the LORD that doeth this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That the plowman shall overtake the reaper,
And the treader of grapes him that soweth seed;
And the mountains shall drop sweet wine,
And all the hills shall melt.
14 And I will turn the captivity of My people Israel,
And they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof;
They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
15 And I will plant them upon their land,
And they shall no more be plucked up
Out of their land which I have given them,
Saith the LORD thy God.

# עבדיה
# OBADIAH

1 The vision of Obadiah.

Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom:
We have heard a message from the LORD,
And an ambassador is sent among the nations:
'Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.'
2 Behold, I make thee small among the nations;
Thou art greatly despised.
3 The pride of thy heart hath beguiled thee,
O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
Thy habitation on high;
That sayest in thy heart:
'Who shall bring me down to the ground?'
4 Though thou make thy nest as high as the eagle,
And though thou set it among the stars,

I will bring thee down from thence,
saith the LORD.
5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers
by night—
How art thou cut off!—
Would they not steal till they had
enough?
If grape-gatherers came to thee,
Would they not leave some gleaning
grapes?
6 How is Esau searched out!
How are his hidden places sought
out!
7 All the men of thy confederacy
Have conducted thee to the border;
The men that were at peace with
thee
Have beguiled thee, and prevailed
against thee;
They that eat thy bread lay a snare
under thee,
In whom there is no discernment.
8 Shall I not in that day, saith the
LORD,
Destroy the wise men out of Edom,
And discernment out of the mount
of Esau?
9 And thy mighty men, O Teman,
shall be dismayed,
To the end that every one may be
cut off from the mount of Esau by
slaughter.
10 For the violence done to thy
brother Jacob shame shall cover
thee,
And thou shalt be cut off for ever.
11 In the day that thou didst stand
aloof,
In the day that strangers carried
away his substance,
And foreigners entered into his
gates,
And cast lots upon Jerusalem,
Even thou wast as one of them.
12 But thou shouldest not have gazed
on the day of thy brother
In the day of his disaster,
Neither shouldest thou have rejoiced
over the children of Judah
In the day of their destruction;
Neither shouldest thou have spoken
proudly
In the day of distress.
13 Thou shouldest not have entered
into the gate of My people
In the day of their calamity;
Yea, thou shouldest not have gazed
on their affliction
In the day of their calamity,
Nor have laid hands on their
substance
In the day of their calamity.
14 Neither shouldest thou have stood
in the crossway,
To cut off those of his that escape;
Neither shouldest thou have
delivered up those of his
That did remain in the day of
distress.

15 For the day of the LORD is near
upon all the nations;
As thou hast done, it shall be done
unto thee;
Thy dealing shall return upon thine
own head.

16 For as ye have drunk upon My
holy mountain,
So shall all the nations drink
continually,
Yea, they shall drink, and swallow
down,
And shall be as though they had not
been.
17 But in mount Zion there shall be
those that escape,
And it shall be holy;
And the house of Jacob shall
possess their possessions.
18 And the house of Jacob shall be a
fire,
And the house of Joseph a flame,
And the house of Esau for stubble,
And they shall kindle in them, and
devour them;
And there shall not be any
remaining of the house of Esau;
For the LORD hath spoken.
19 And they of the South shall
possess the mount of Esau,
And they of the Lowland the
Philistines;
And they shall possess the field of
Ephraim,
And the field of Samaria;
And Benjamin shall possess Gilead.
20 And the captivity of this host of
the children of Israel,
That are among the Canaanites,
even unto Zarephath,
And the captivity of Jerusalem, that
is in Sepharad,
Shall possess the cities of the South.
21 And saviours shall come up on
mount Zion
To judge the mount of Esau;
And the kingdom shall be the
LORD'S.

# יונה

# JONAH

1 Now the word of the LORD came
unto Jonah the son of Amittai,
saying: 2 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that
great city, and proclaim against it; for
their wickedness is come up before
Me.' 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto
Tarshish from the presence of the
LORD; and he went down to Joppa, and
found a ship going to Tarshish; so he
paid the fare thereof, and went down
into it, to go with them unto Tarshish,
from the presence of the LORD.
4 But the LORD hurled a great wind
into the sea, and there was a mighty
tempest in the sea, so that the ship was
like to be broken. 5 And the mariners
were afraid, and cried every man unto
his god; and they cast forth the wares
that were in the ship into the sea, to
lighten it unto them. But Jonah was
gone down into the innermost parts of

the ship; and he lay, and was fast
asleep. 6So the shipmaster came to
him, and said unto him: ‘What
meanest thou that thou sleepest? arise,
call upon thy God, if so be that God
will think upon us, that we perish not.’

7And they said every one to his
fellow: ‘Come, and let us cast lots, that
we may know for whose cause this
evil is upon us.’ So they cast lots, and
the lot fell upon Jonah. 8Then said they
unto him: ‘Tell us, we pray thee, for
whose cause this evil is upon us: what
is thine occupation? and whence
comest thou? what is thy country? and
of what people art thou?’ 9And he said
unto them: ‘I am an Hebrew; and I fear
the Lord, the God of heaven, who hath
made the sea and the dry land.’ 10Then
were the men exceedingly afraid, and
said unto him: ‘What is this that thou
hast done?’ For the men knew that he
fled from the presence of the Lord,
because he had told them.

11Then said they unto him: ‘What
shall we do unto thee, that the sea may
be calm unto us?’ for the sea grew
more and more tempestuous. 12And he
said unto them: ‘Take me up, and cast
me forth into the sea; so shall the sea
be calm unto you; for I know that for
my sake this great tempest is upon
you.’ 13Nevertheless the men rowed
hard to bring it to the land; but they
could not; for the sea grew more and
more tempestuous against them.
14Wherefore they cried unto the Lord,
and said: ‘We beseech Thee, O Lord,
we beseech Thee, let us not perish for
this man’s life, and lay not upon us
innocent blood; for Thou, O Lord, hast
done as it pleased Thee.’ 15So they
took up Jonah, and cast him forth into
the sea; and the sea ceased from its
raging. 16Then the men feared the Lord
exceedingly; and they offered a
sacrifice unto the Lord, and made
vows.

2 And the Lord prepared a great
fish to swallow up Jonah; and
Jonah was in the belly of the fish three
days and three nights. 2Then Jonah
prayed unto the Lord his God out of
the fish’s belly. 3And he said:

I called out of mine affliction
Unto the Lord, and He answered
me;
Out of the belly of the nether-world
cried I,
And Thou heardest my voice.
4For Thou didst cast me into the
depth,
In the heart of the seas,
And the flood was round about me;
All Thy waves and Thy billows
Passed over me.
5And I said: ‘I am cast out
From before Thine eyes’;
Yet I will look again
Toward Thy holy temple.
6The waters compassed me about,
even to the soul;
The deep was round about me;
The weeds were wrapped about my
head.
7I went down to the bottoms of the
mountains;

The earth with her bars closed upon
me for ever;
Yet hast Thou brought up my life
from the pit,
O LORD my God.
[8]When my soul fainted within me,
I remembered the LORD;
And my prayer came in unto Thee,
Into Thy holy temple.
[9]They that regard lying vanities
Forsake their own mercy.
[10]But I will sacrifice unto Thee
With the voice of thanksgiving;
That which I have vowed I will pay.
Salvation is of the LORD.

[11]And the LORD spoke unto the fish,
and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry
land.

3 And the word of the LORD came
unto Jonah the second time,
saying: [2]'Arise, go unto Nineveh, that
great city, and make unto it the
proclamation that I bid thee.' [3]So
Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh,
according to the word of the LORD.
Now Nineveh was an exceeding great
city, of three days'journey. [4]And Jonah
began to enter into the city a day's
journey, and he proclaimed, and said:
'Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be
overthrown.'

[5]And the people of Nineveh
believed God; and they proclaimed a
fast, and put on sackcloth, from the
greatest of them even to the least of
them. [6]And the tidings reached the
king of Nineveh, and he arose from his
throne, and laid his robe from him, and
covered him with sackcloth, and sat in
ashes. [7]And he caused it to be
proclaimed and published through
Nineveh by the decree of the king and
his nobles, saying: 'Let neither man
nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any
thing; let them not feed, nor drink
water; [8]but let them be covered with
sackcloth, both man and beast, and let
them cry mightily unto God; yea, let
them turn every one from his evil way,
and from the violence that is in their
hands. [9]Who knoweth whether God
will not turn and repent, and turn away
from His fierce anger, that we perish
not?'

[10]And God saw their works, that
they turned from their evil way; and
God repented of the evil, which He
said He would do unto them; and He
did it not.

4 [1]But it displeased Jonah
exceedingly, and he was angry.
[2]And he prayed unto the LORD, and
said: 'I pray Thee, O LORD, was not
this my saying, when I was yet in mine
own country? Therefore I fled
beforehand unto Tarshish; for I knew
that Thou art a gracious God, and
compassionate, long-suffering, and
abundant in mercy, and repentest Thee
of the evil. [3]Therefore now, O LORD,
take, I beseech Thee, my life from me;
for it is better for me to die than to
live.' [4]And the LORD said: 'Art thou
greatly angry?'

[5]Then Jonah went out of the city,
and sat on the east side of the city, and
there made him a booth, and sat under
it in the shadow, till he might see what
would become of the city. [6]And the

Lord God prepared a gourd, and made
it to come up over Jonah, that it might
be a shadow over his head, to deliver
him from his evil. So Jonah was
exceeding glad because of the gourd.
[7]But God prepared a worm when the
morning rose the next day, and it
smote the gourd, that it withered. [8]And
it came to pass, when the sun arose,
that God prepared a vehement east
wind; and the sun beat upon the head
of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested
for himself that he might die, and said:
'It is better for me to die than to live.'
[9]And God said to Jonah: 'Art thou
greatly angry for the gourd?' And he
said: 'I am greatly angry, even unto
death.' [10]And the Lord said: 'Thou
hast had pity on the gourd, for which
thou hast not laboured, neither madest
it grow, which came up in a night, and
perished in a night; [11]and should not I
have pity on Nineveh, that great city,
wherein are more than sixscore
thousand persons that cannot discern
between their right hand and their left
hand, and also much cattle?'

# מיכה

# MICAH

1 The word of the Lord that came
to Micah the Morashtite in the
days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah,
kings of Judah, which he saw
concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

[2]Hear, ye peoples, all of you;
Hearken, O earth, and all that
therein is;
And let the Lord God be witness
against you,
The Lord from His holy temple.
[3]For, behold, the Lord cometh forth
out of His place,
And will come down, and tread
upon the high places of the earth.
[4]And the mountains shall be molten
under Him,
And the valleys shall be cleft,
As wax before the fire,
As waters that are poured down a
steep place.

[5]For the transgression of Jacob is all
this,
And for the sins of the house of
Israel.
What is the transgression of Jacob?
Is it not Samaria?
And what are the high places of
Judah? are they not Jerusalem?

[6]Therefore I will make Samaria a
heap in the field,
A place for the planting of
vineyards;

And I will pour down the stones
thereof into the valley,
And I will uncover the foundations
thereof.
7 And all her graven images shall be
beaten to pieces,
And all her hires shall be burned
with fire,
And all her idols will I lay desolate;
For of the hire of a harlot hath she
gathered them,
And unto the hire of a harlot shall
they return.

8 For this will I wail and howl,
I will go stripped and naked;
I will make a wailing like the
jackals,
And a mourning like the ostriches.
9 For her wound is incurable;
For it is come even unto Judah;
It reacheth unto the gate of my
people, even to Jerusalem.
10 Tell it not in Gath,
Weep not at all;
At Beth-le-aphrah roll thyself in the
dust.
11 Pass ye away, O inhabitant of
Saphir, in nakedness and shame;
The inhabitant of Zaanan is not
come forth;
The wailing of Beth-ezel shall take
from you the standing-place
thereof.
12 For the inhabitant of Maroth
waiteth anxiously for good;
Because evil is come down from the
LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.
13 Bind the chariots to the swift
steeds, O inhabitant of Lachish;
She was the beginning of sin to the
daughter of Zion;
For the transgressions of Israel are
found in thee.
14 Therefore shalt thou give a parting
gift to Moresheth-gath;
The houses of Achzib shall be a
deceitful thing unto the kings of
Israel.
15 I will yet bring unto thee, O
inhabitant of Mareshah, him that
shall possess thee;
The glory of Israel shall come even
unto Adullam.
16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for
the children of thy delight;
Enlarge thy baldness as the vulture;
For they are gone into captivity
from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity
And work evil upon their beds!
When the morning is light, they
execute it,
Because it is in the power of their
hand.
2 And they covet fields, and seize
them;
And houses, and take them away;
Thus they oppress a man and his
house,
Even a man and his heritage.
3 Therefore thus saith the LORD:
Behold, against this family do I
devise an evil,
From which ye shall not remove
your necks,

Neither shall ye walk upright; for it
shall be an evil time.
4 In that day shall they take up a
parable against you,
And lament with a doleful
lamentation, and say:
'We are utterly ruined;
He changeth the portion of my
people;
How doth he remove it from me!
Instead of restoring our fields, he
divideth them.'
5 Therefore thou shalt have none that
shall cast the line by lot
In the congregation of the LORD.
6 'Preach ye not', they preach;
'They shall not preach of these
things,
That they shall not take shame.'
7 Do I change, O house of Jacob?
Is the spirit of the LORD straitened?
Are these His doings?
Do not My words do good to him
that walketh uprightly?

8 But of late My people is risen up as
an enemy;
With the garment ye strip also the
mantle
From them that pass by securely, so
that they are as men returning
from war.
9 The women of My people ye cast
out from their pleasant houses;
From their young children ye take
away My glory for ever.
10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not
your resting-place;
Because of the uncleanness thereof,
it shall destroy you, even with a
sore destruction.

11 If a man walking in wind and
falsehood do lie:
'I will preach unto thee of wine and
of strong drink';
He shall even be the preacher of this
people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all
of thee;
I will surely gather the remnant of
Israel;
I will render them all as sheep in a
fold;
As a flock in the midst of their
pasture;
They shall make great noise by
reason of the multitude of men.
13 The breaker is gone up before
them;
They have broken forth and passed
on,
By the gate, and are gone out
thereat;
And their king is passed on before
them,
And the LORD at the head of them.

3 And I said:
Hear, I pray you, ye heads of
Jacob,
And rulers of the house of Israel:
Is it not for you to know justice?
2 Who hate the good, and love the
evil;
Who rob their skin from off them,

And their flesh from off their bones;
3Who also eat the flesh of my people,
And flay their skin from off them,
And break their bones;
Yea, they chop them in pieces, as that which is in the pot,
And as flesh within the caldron.
4Then shall they cry unto the LORD,
But He will not answer them;
Yea, He will hide His face from them at that time,
According as they have wrought evil in their doings.

5Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people to err;
That cry: 'Peace', when their teeth have any thing to bite;
And whoso putteth not into their mouths,
They even prepare war against him:
6Therefore it shall be night unto you, that ye shall have no vision;
And it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine;
And the sun shall go down upon the prophets,
And the day shall be black over them.
7And the seers shall be put to shame, and the diviners confounded;
Yea, they shall all cover their upper lips;
For there shall be no answer of God.
8But I truly am full of power by the spirit of the LORD,
And of justice, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression,
And to Israel his sin.

9Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob,
And rulers of the house of Israel,
That abhor justice, and pervert all equity;
10That build up Zion with blood,
And Jerusalem with iniquity.
11The heads thereof judge for reward,
And the priests thereof teach for hire,
And the prophets thereof divine for money;
Yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say:
'Is not the LORD in the midst of us?
No evil shall come upon us'?
12Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field,
And Jerusalem shall become heaps,
And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

4 But in the end of days it shall come to pass,
That the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established as the top of the mountains,
And it shall be exalted above the hills;
And peoples shall flow unto it.
2And many nations shall go and say:
'Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

And to the house of the God of
Jacob;
And He will teach us of His ways,
And we will walk in His paths';
For out of Zion shall go forth the
law,
And the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem.
3 And He shall judge between many
peoples,
And shall decide concerning mighty
nations afar off;
And they shall beat their swords into
plowshares,
And their spears into pruninghooks;
Nation shall not lift up sword
against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any
more.
4 But they shall sit every man under
his vine and under his fig-tree;
And none shall make them afraid;
For the mouth of the Lord of hosts
hath spoken.

5 For let all the peoples walk each
one in the name of its god,
But we will walk in the name of the
Lord our God for ever and ever.

6 In that day, saith the Lord, will I
assemble her that halteth,
And I will gather her that is driven
away,
And her that I have afflicted;
7 And I will make her that halted a
remnant,
And her that was cast far off a
mighty nation;
And the Lord shall reign over them
in mount Zion from thenceforth
even for ever.

8 And thou, Migdal-eder, the hill of
the daughter of Zion,
Unto thee shall it come;
Yea, the former dominion shall
come,
The kingdom of the daughter of
Jerusalem.
9 Now why dost thou cry out aloud?
Is there no King in thee,
Is thy Counsellor perished,
That pangs have taken hold of thee
as of a woman in travail?
10 Be in pain, and labour to bring
forth, O daughter of Zion,
Like a woman in travail;
For now shalt thou go forth out of
the city,
And shalt dwell in the field,
And shalt come even unto Babylon;
There shalt thou be rescued;
There shall the Lord redeem thee
from the hand of thine enemies.

11 And now many nations are
assembled against thee,
That say: 'Let her be defiled, and let
our eye gaze upon Zion.'
12 But they know not the thoughts of
the Lord,
Neither understand they His
counsel;
For He hath gathered them as the
sheaves to the threshing-floor.
13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of
Zion;

For I will make thy horn iron,
And I will make thy hoofs brass;
And thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples;
And thou shalt devote their gain unto the LORD,
And their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth.

14 Now shalt thou gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops;
They have laid siege against us;
They smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

5 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah,
Which art little to be among the thousands of Judah,
Out of thee shall one come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel;
Whose goings forth are from of old, from ancient days.
2 Therefore will He give them up,
Until the time that she who travaileth hath brought forth;
Then the residue of his brethren shall return with the children of Israel.
3 And he shall stand, and shall feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD his God;
And they shall abide, for then shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.
4 And this shall be peace:
When the Assyrian shall come into our land,
And when he shall tread in our palaces,
Then shall we raise against him seven shepherds,
And eight princes among men.
5 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword,
And the land of Nimrod with the keen-edged sword;
And he shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land,
And when he treadeth within our border.

6 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples,
As dew from the LORD, as showers upon the grass,
That are not looked for from man,
Nor awaited at the hands of the sons of men.
7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples,
As a lion among the beasts of the forest,
As a young lion among the flocks of sheep,
Who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces,
And there is none to deliver.
8 Let Thy hand be lifted up above Thine adversaries,
And let all Thine enemies be cut off.

9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD,
That I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee,
And will destroy thy chariots;
10 And I will cut off the cities of thy land,
And will throw down all thy strongholds;
11 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand;
And thou shalt have no more soothsayers;
12 And I will cut off thy graven images and thy pillars out of the midst of thee;
And thou shalt no more worship the work of thy hands.
13 And I will pluck up thy Asherim out of the midst of thee;
And I will destroy thine enemies.
14 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations,
Because they hearkened not.

6 Hear ye now what the LORD saith:
Arise, contend thou before the mountains,
And let the hills hear thy voice.
2 Hear, O ye mountains, the LORD'S controversy,
And ye enduring rocks, the foundations of the earth;
For the LORD hath a controversy with His people,
And He will plead with Israel.
3 O My people, what have I done unto thee?
And wherein have I wearied thee?
Testify against Me.
4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt,
And redeemed thee out of the house of bondage,
And I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
5 O My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab devised,
And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him;
From Shittim unto Gilgal,
That ye may know the righteous acts of the LORD.
6 'Wherewith shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt-offerings,
With calves of a year old?
7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
With ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
8 It hath been told thee, O man, what is good,
And what the LORD doth require of thee:
Only to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.

9 Hark! the LORD crieth unto the city—

And it is wisdom to have regard for Thy name—
Hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.
10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked,
And the scant measure that is abominable?
11 'Shall I be pure with wicked balances,
And with a bag of deceitful weights?'
12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence,
And the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies,
And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
13 Therefore I also do smite thee with a grievous wound;
I do make thee desolate because of thy sins.
14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied;
And thy sickness shall be in thine inward parts;
And thou shalt conceive, but shalt not bring forth;
And whomsoever thou bringest forth will I give up to the sword.
15 Thou shalt sow, but shalt not reap;
Thou shalt tread the olives, but shalt not anoint thee with oil;
And the vintage, but shalt not drink wine.
16 For the statutes of Omri are kept,
And all the works of the house of Ahab,
And ye walk in their counsels;
That I may make thee an astonishment,
And the inhabitants thereof a hissing;
And ye shall bear the reproach of My people.

7 Woe is me! for I am as the last of the summer fruits,
As the grape gleanings of the vintage;
There is no cluster to eat;
Nor first-ripe fig which my soul desireth.
2 The godly man is perished out of the earth,
And the upright among men is no more;
They all lie in wait for blood;
They hunt every man his brother with a net.
3 Their hands are upon that which is evil to do it diligently;
The prince asketh, and the judge is ready for a reward;
And the great man, he uttereth the evil desire of his soul;
Thus they weave it together.
4 The best of them is as a brier;
The most upright is worse than a thorn hedge;
The day of thy watchmen, even thy visitation, is come;
Now shall be their perplexity.
5 Trust ye not in a friend,
Put ye not confidence in a familiar friend;
Keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

[6]For the son dishonoureth the father,
The daughter riseth up against her mother,
The daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
A man's enemies are the men of his own house.

[7]'But as for me, I will look unto the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation;
My God will hear me.
[8]Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy;
Though I am fallen, I shall arise;
Though I sit in darkness, the LORD is a light unto me.
[9]I will bear the indignation of the LORD,
Because I have sinned against Him;
Until He plead my cause, and execute judgment for me;
He will bring me forth to the light,
And I shall behold His righteousness.
[10]Then mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her;
Who said unto me: Where is the LORD thy God?
Mine eyes shall gaze upon her;
Now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.'
[11]'The day for building thy walls, even that day, shall be far removed.'
[12]There shall be a day when they shall come unto thee,
From Assyria even to the cities of Egypt,
And from Egypt even to the River,
And from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.
[13]And the land shall be desolate for them that dwell therein,
Because of the fruit of their doings.

[14]Tend Thy people with Thy staff, the flock of Thy heritage,
That dwell solitarily, as a forest in the midst of the fruitful field;
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
[15]'As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt
Will I show unto him marvellous things.'
[16]The nations shall see and be put to shame for all their might;
They shall lay their hand upon their mouth,
Their ears shall be deaf.
[17]They shall lick the dust like a serpent;
Like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places;
They shall come with fear unto the LORD our God,
And shall be afraid because of Thee.
[18]Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth the iniquity,
And passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?
He retaineth not His anger for ever,
Because He delighteth in mercy.

[19]He will again have compassion
upon us;
He will subdue our iniquities;
And Thou wilt cast all their sins into
the depths of the sea.
[20]Thou wilt show faithfulness to
Jacob, mercy to Abraham,
As Thou hast sworn unto our fathers
from the days of old.

# נחום

# NAHUM

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.
[2]The Lord is a jealous and avenging
God,
The Lord avengeth and is full of
wrath;
The Lord taketh vengeance on His
adversaries,
And He reserveth wrath for His
enemies.
[3]The Lord is long-suffering, and
great in power,
And will by no means clear the
guilty;
The Lord, in the whirlwind and in
the storm is His way,
And the clouds are the dust of His
feet.
[4]He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it
dry,
And drieth up all the rivers;
Bashan languisheth, and Carmel,
And the flower of Lebanon
languisheth.
[5]The mountains quake at Him,
And the hills melt;
And the earth is upheaved at His
presence,
Yea, the world, and all that dwell
therein.
[6]Who can stand before His
indignation?
And who can abide in the fierceness
of His anger?
His fury is poured out like fire,
And the rocks are broken asunder
before Him.
[7]The Lord is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knoweth them that take
refuge in Him.
[8]But with an overrunning flood
He will make a full end of the place
thereof,
And darkness shall pursue His
enemies.
[9]What do ye devise against the
Lord?
He will make a full end;
Trouble shall not rise up the second
time.

[10]For though they be like tangled thorns,
And be drunken according to their drink,
They shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.
[11]Out of thee came he forth,
That deviseth evil against the Lord,
That counselleth wickedness.
[12]Thus saith the Lord:
Though they be in full strength, and likewise many,
Even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away;
And though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
[13]And now will I break his yoke from off thee,
And will burst thy bonds in sunder.
[14]And the Lord hath given commandment concerning thee,
That no more of thy name be sown;
Out of the house of thy god will I cut off
The graven image and the molten image;
I will make thy grave; for thou art become worthless.

2 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him
That bringeth good tidings, that announceth peace!
Keep thy feasts, O Judah,
Perform thy vows;
For the wicked one shall no more pass through thee;
He is utterly cut off.
[2]A maul is come up before thy face;
Guard the defences,
Watch the way, make thy loins strong,
Fortify thy power mightily!—
[3]For the Lord restoreth the pride of Jacob,
As the pride of Israel;
For the emptiers have emptied them out,
And marred their vine-branches.—
[4]The shield of his mighty men is made red,
The valiant men are in scarlet;
The chariots are fire of steel in the day of his preparation,
And the cypress spears are made to quiver.
[5]The chariots rush madly in the streets,
They jostle one against another in the broad places;
The appearance of them is like torches,
They run to and fro like the lightnings.

[6]He bethinketh himself of his worthies;
They stumble in their march;
They make haste to the wall thereof,
And the mantelet is prepared.
[7]The gates of the rivers are opened,
And the palace is dissolved.
[8]And the queen is uncovered, she is carried away,
And her handmaids moan as with the voice of doves,
Tabering upon their breasts.

9 But Nineveh hath been from of old like a pool of water;
Yet they flee away;
'Stand, stand';
But none looketh back.
10 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold;
For there is no end of the store,
Rich with all precious vessels.
11 She is empty, and void, and waste;
And the heart melteth, and the knees smite together,
And convulsion is in all loins,
And the faces of them all have gathered blackness.

12 Where is the den of the lions,
Which was the feeding-place of the young lions,
Where the lion and the lioness walked, and the lion's whelp,
And none made them afraid?
13 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps,
And strangled for his lionesses,
And filled his caves with prey,
And his dens with ravin.
14 Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts,
And I will burn her chariots in the smoke,
And the sword shall devour thy young lions;
And I will cut off thy prey from the earth,
And the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

3 Woe to the bloody city!
It is all full of lies and rapine;
The prey departeth not.
2 Hark! the whip, and hark! the rattling of the wheels;
And prancing horses, and bounding chariots;
3 The horseman charging,
And the flashing sword, and the glittering spear;
And a multitude of slain, and a heap of carcases;
And there is no end of the corpses, and they stumble upon their corpses;
4 Because of the multitude of the harlotries of the well-favoured harlot,
The mistress of witchcrafts,
That selleth nations through her harlotries,
And families through her witchcrafts.
5 Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts,
And I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face,
And I will shew the nations thy nakedness,
And the kingdoms thy shame.
6 And I will cast detestable things upon thee, and make thee vile,
And will make thee as dung.
7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee
Shall flee from thee,
And say: 'Nineveh is laid waste;
Who will bemoan her?

Whence shall I seek comforters for thee?'
8 Art thou better than No-amon,
That was situate among the rivers,
That had the waters round about her;
Whose rampart was the sea, and of the sea her wall?
9 Ethiopia and Egypt were thy strength, and it was infinite;
Put and Lubim were thy helpers.
10 Yet was she carried away,
She went into captivity;
Her young children also were dashed in pieces
At the head of all the streets;
And they cast lots for her honourable men,
And all her great men were bound in chains.
11 Thou also shalt be drunken,
Thou shalt swoon;
Thou also shalt seek a refuge
Because of the enemy.

12 All thy fortresses shall be like fig-trees with the first-ripe figs:
If they be shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.
13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women;
The gates of thy land are set wide open unto thine enemies;
The fire hath devoured thy bars.
14 Draw thee water for the siege,
Strengthen thy fortresses;
Go into the clay, and tread the mortar,
Lay hold of the brickmould.
15 There shall the fire devour thee;
The sword shall cut thee off,
It shall devour thee like the canker-worm;
Make thyself many as the canker-worm,
Make thyself many as the locusts.
16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants
Above the stars of heaven;
The canker-worm spreadeth itself, and flieth away.
17 Thy crowned are as the locusts,
And thy marshals as the swarms of grasshoppers,
Which camp in the walls in the cold day,
But when the sun ariseth they flee away,
And their place is not known where they are.
18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria,
Thy worthies are at rest;
Thy people are scattered upon the mountains,
And there is none to gather them.
19 There is no assuaging of thy hurt,
Thy wound is grievous;
All that hear the report of thee
Clap the hands over thee;
For upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

# חבקוק
# HABAKKUK

1 THE burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

[2]How long, O LORD, shall I cry,
And Thou wilt not hear?
I cry out unto Thee of violence,
And Thou wilt not save.
[3]Why dost Thou show me iniquity,
And beholdest mischief?
And why are spoiling and violence before me?
So that there is strife, and contention ariseth.
[4]Therefore the law is slacked,
And right doth never go forth;
For the wicked doth beset the righteous;
Therefore right goeth forth perverted.

[5]Look ye among the nations, and behold,
And wonder marvellously;
For, behold, a work shall be wrought in your days,
Which ye will not believe though it be told you.
[6]For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans,
That bitter and impetuous nation,
That march through the breadth of the earth,
To possess dwelling-places that are not theirs.
[7]They are terrible and dreadful;
Their law and their majesty proceed from themselves.
[8]Their horses also are swifter than leopards,
And are more fierce than the wolves of the desert;
And their horsemen spread themselves;
Yea, their horsemen come from far,
They fly as a vulture that hasteth to devour.
[9]They come all of them for violence;
Their faces are set eagerly as the east wind;
And they gather captives as the sand.
[10]And they scoff at kings,
And princes are a derision unto them;
They deride every stronghold,
For they heap up earth, and take it.
[11]Then their spirit doth pass over and transgress,
And they become guilty:
Even they who impute their might unto their god.

[12]Art not Thou from everlasting,
O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, Thou hast ordained them for judgment,
And Thou, O Rock, hast established them for correction.

13Thou that art of eyes too pure to
behold evil,
And that canst not look on mischief,
Wherefore lookest Thou, when they
deal treacherously,
And holdest Thy peace, when the
wicked swalloweth up
The man that is more righteous than
he;
14And makest men as the fishes of
the sea,
As the creeping things, that have no
ruler over them?
15They take up all of them with the
angle,
They catch them in their net,
And gather them in their drag;
Therefore they rejoice and exult.
16Therefore they sacrifice unto their
net,
And offer unto their drag;
Because by them their portion is fat,
And their food plenteous.
17Shall they therefore empty their
net,
And not spare to slay the nations
continually?

2 I will stand upon my watch,
And set me upon the tower,
And will look out to see what He
will speak by me,
And what I shall answer when I am
reproved.
2And the Lord answered me, and
said:
'Write the vision, and make it plain
upon tables,
That a man may read it swiftly.
3For the vision is yet for the
appointed time,
And it declareth of the end, and doth
not lie;
Though it tarry, wait for it;
Because it will surely come, it will
not delay.'

4Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is
not upright in him;
But the righteous shall live by his
faith.
5Yea, moreover, wine is a
treacherous dealer;
The haughty man abideth not;
He who enlargeth his desire as the
nether-world,
And is as death, and cannot be
satisfied,
But gathereth unto him all nations,
And heapeth unto him all peoples.
6Shall not all these take up a parable
against him,
And a taunting riddle against him,
And say: 'Woe to him that
increaseth that which is not his!
How long? and that ladeth himself
with many pledges! '
7Shall they not rise up suddenly that
shall exact interest of thee,
And awake that shall violently
shake thee,
And thou shalt be for booties unto
them?
8Because thou hast spoiled many
nations,
All the remnant of the peoples shall
spoil thee;

Because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land,
To the city and to all that dwell therein.

9 Woe to him that gaineth evil gains for his house,
That he may set his nest on high,
That he may be delivered from the power of evil!
10 Thou hast devised shame to thy house,
By cutting off many peoples,
And hast forfeited thy life.
11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall,
And the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood,
And establisheth a city by iniquity!
13 Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts
That the peoples labour for the fire,
And the nations weary themselves for vanity?
14 For the earth shall be filled
With the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,
As the waters cover the sea.

15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink,
That puttest thy venom thereto, and makest him drunken also,
That thou mayest look on their nakedness!
16 Thou art filled with shame instead of glory,
Drink thou also, and be uncovered;
The cup of the LORD'S right hand shall be turned unto thee,
And filthiness shall be upon thy glory.
17 For the violence done to Lebanon shall cover thee,
And the destruction of the beasts, which made them afraid;
Because of men's blood, and for the violence done to the land,
To the city and to all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the graven image,
That the maker thereof hath graven it,
Even the molten image, and the teacher of lies;
That the maker of his work trusteth therein,
To make dumb idols?
19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood: 'Awake',
To the dumb stone: 'Arise! '
Can this teach?
Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver,
And there is no breath at all in the midst of it.
20 But the LORD is in His holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. Upon Shigionoth.

2O Lord, I have heard the report of
Thee, and am afraid;
O Lord, revive Thy work in the
midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it
known;
In wrath remember compassion.
3God cometh from Teman,
And the Holy One from mount
Paran. Selah
His glory covereth the heavens,
And the earth is full of His praise.
4And a brightness appeareth as the
light;
Rays hath He at His side;
And there is the hiding of His
power.
5Before him goeth the pestilence,
And fiery bolts go forth at His feet.
6He standeth, and shaketh the earth,
He beholdeth, and maketh the
nations to tremble;
And the everlasting mountains are
dashed in pieces,
The ancient hills do bow;
His goings are as of old.
7I see the tents of Cushan in
affliction;
The curtains of the land of Midian
do tremble.
8Is it, O Lord, that against the rivers,
Is it that Thine anger is kindled
against the rivers,
Or Thy wrath against the sea?
That Thou dost ride upon Thy
horses,
Upon Thy chariots of victory?
9Thy bow is made quite bare;
Sworn are the rods of the word.
Selah.
Thou dost cleave the earth with
rivers.
10The mountains have seen Thee,
and they tremble;
The tempest of waters floweth over;
the deep uttereth its voice,
And lifteth up its hands on high.
11The sun and moon stand still in
their habitation;
At the light of Thine arrows as they
go,
At the shining of Thy glittering
spear.
12Thou marchest through the earth in
indignation,
Thou threshest the nations in anger.
13Thou art come forth for the
deliverance of Thy people,
For the deliverance of Thine
anointed;
Thou woundest the head out of the
house of the wicked,
Uncovering the foundation even
unto the neck. Selah
14Thou hast stricken through with
his own rods the head of his
rulers,
That come as a whirlwind to scatter
me;
Whose rejoicing is as to devour the
poor secretly.
15Thou hast trodden the sea with
Thy horses,
The foaming of mighty waters.
16When I heard, mine inward parts
trembled,
My lips quivered at the voice;
Rottenness entereth into my bones,

And I tremble where I stand;
That I should wait for the day of trouble,
When he cometh up against the people that he invadeth.
17 For though the fig-tree shall not blossom,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labour of the olive shall fail,
And the fields shall yield no food;
The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
And there shall be no herd in the stalls;
18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will exult in the God of my salvation.
19 God, the Lord, is my strength,
And He maketh my feet like hinds'feet,
And He maketh me to walk upon my high places.

For the Leader. With my string-music.

# צפניה
# ZEPHANIAH

1 The word of the LORD which came
unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi,
the son of Gedaliah, the son of
Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the
days of Josiah the son of Amon, king
of Judah.

2 I will utterly consume all things from off the face of the earth,
Saith the LORD.
3 I will consume man and beast,
I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea,
And the stumblingblocks with the wicked;
And I will cut off man from off the face of the earth,
Saith the LORD.
4 And I will stretch out My hand upon Judah,
And upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,
And the name of the idolatrous priests with the priests;
5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops;
And them that worship, that swear to the LORD
And swear by Malcam;
6 Them also that are turned back from following the LORD;
And those that have not sought the LORD, nor inquired after Him.

7Hold thy peace at the presence of
the Lord God;
For the day of the Lord is at hand,
For the Lord hath prepared a
sacrifice,
He hath consecrated His guests.
8And it shall come to pass in the day
of the Lord'S sacrifice,
That I will punish the princes, and
the king's sons,
And all such as are clothed with
foreign apparel.
9In the same day also will I punish
all those that leap over the
threshold,
That fill their master's house with
violence and deceit.

10And in that day, saith the Lord,
Hark! a cry from the fish gate,
And a wailing from the second
quarter,
And a great crashing from the hills.
11Wail, ye inhabitants of Maktesh,
For all the merchant people are
undone;
All they that were laden with silver
are cut off.
12And it shall come to pass at that
time,
That I will search Jerusalem with
lamps;
And I will punish the men that are
settled on their lees,
That say in their heart:
'The Lord will not do good, neither
will He do evil.'
13Therefore their wealth shall
become a booty,
And their houses a desolation;
Yea, they shall build houses, but
shall not inhabit them,
And they shall plant vineyards, but
shall not drink the wine thereof.
14The great day of the Lord is near,
It is near and hasteth greatly,
Even the voice of the day of the
Lord,
Wherein the mighty man crieth
bitterly.
15That day is a day of wrath,
A day of trouble and distress,
A day of wasteness and desolation,
A day of darkness and gloominess,
A day of clouds and thick darkness,
16A day of the horn and alarm,
Against the fortified cities, and
against the high towers.
17And I will bring distress upon
men,
That they shall walk like the blind,
Because they have sinned against
the Lord;
And their blood shall be poured out
as dust,
And their flesh as dung.
18Neither their silver nor their gold
Shall be able to deliver them
In the day of the Lord'S wrath;
But the whole earth shall be
devoured by the fire of His
jealousy;
For He will make and end, yea, a
terrible end,
Of all them that dwell in the earth.

2 Gather yourselves together, yea,
gather together,

O shameless nation;
2 Before the decree bring forth
The day when one passeth as the chaff,
Before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you,
Before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you.
3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye humble of the earth,
That have executed His ordinance;
Seek righteousness, seek humility.
It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.
4 For Gaza shall be forsaken,
And Ashkelon a desolation;
They shall drive out Ashdod at the noonday,
And Ekron shall be rooted up.
5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea-coast,
The nation of the Cherethites!
The word of the LORD is against you,
O Canaan, the land of the Philistines;
I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.
6 And the sea-coast shall be pastures,
Even meadows for shepherds, and folds for flocks.
7 And it shall be a portion for the remnant of the house of Judah,
Whereon they shall feed;
In the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening;
For the LORD their God will remember them,
And turn their captivity.
8 I have heard the taunt of Moab,
And the revilings of the children of Ammon,
Wherewith they have taunted My people,
And spoken boastfully concerning their border.
9 Therefore as I live,
Saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
Surely Moab shall be as Sodom,
And the children of Ammon as Gomorrah,
Even the breeding-place of nettles, and saltpits,
And a desolation, for ever;
The residue of My people shall spoil them,
And the remnant of My nation shall inherit them.
10 This shall they have for their pride,
Because they have taunted and spoken boastfully
Against the people of the LORD of hosts.
11 The LORD will be terrible unto them;
For He will famish all the gods of the earth;
Then shall all the isles of the nations worship Him,
Every one from its place.
12 Ye Ethiopians also,
Ye shall be slain by My sword.

13 And He will stretch out His hand against the north,
And destroy Assyria;

And will make Nineveh a
desolation,
And dry like the wilderness.
14 And all beasts of every kind
Shall lie down in the midst of her in
herds;
Both the pelican and the bittern
Shall lodge in the capitals thereof;
Voices shall sing in the windows;
Desolation shall be in the posts;
For the cedar-work thereof shall be
uncovered.
15 This is the joyous city
That dwelt without care,
That said in her heart:
'I am, and there is none else beside
me';
How is she become a desolation,
A place for beasts to lie down in!
Every one that passeth by her
Shall hiss, and wag his hand.

3 Woe to her that is filthy and
polluted,
To the oppressing city!
2 She hearkened not the voice,
She received not correction;
She trusted not in the LORD,
She drew not near to her God.
3 Her princes in the midst of her are
roaring lions;
Her judges are wolves of the desert,
They leave not a bone for the
morrow.
4 Her prophets are wanton
And treacherous persons;
Her priests have profaned that
which is holy,
They have done violence to the law.
5 The LORD who is righteous is in the
midst of her,
He will not do unrighteousness;
Every morning doth He bring His
right to light,
It faileth not;
But the unrighteous knoweth no
shame.
6 I have cut off nations,
Their corners are desolate;
I have made their streets waste,
So that none passeth by;
Their cities are destroyed, so that
there is no man,
So that there is no inhabitant.
7 I said: 'Surely thou wilt fear Me,
Thou wilt receive correction;
So her dwelling shall not be cut off,
Despite all that I have visited upon
her';
But they betimes corrupted all their
doings.

8 Therefore wait ye for Me, saith the
LORD,
Until the day that I rise up to the
prey;
For My determination is to gather
the nations,
That I may assemble the kingdoms,
To pour upon them Mine
indignation,
Even all My fierce anger;
For all the earth shall be devoured
With the fire of My jealousy.
9 For then will I turn to the peoples
A pure language,
That they may all call upon the
name of the LORD,

To serve Him with one consent.
10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia
Shall they bring My suppliants,
Even the daughter of My dispersed,
As Mine offering.
11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings,
Wherein thou hast transgressed against Me;
For then I will take away out of the midst of thee
Thy proudly exulting ones,
And thou shalt no more be haughty
In My holy mountain.
12 And I will leave in the midst of thee
An afflicted and poor people,
And they shall take refuge in the name of the LORD.
13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity,
Nor speak lies,
Neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth;
For they shall feed and lie down,
And none shall make them afraid.

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion,
Shout, O Israel;
Be glad and rejoice with all the heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem.
15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments,
He hath cast out thine enemy;
The King of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee;
Thou shalt not fear evil any more.
16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
'Fear thou not;
O Zion, let not thy hands be slack.
17 The LORD thy God is in the midst of thee,
A Mighty One who will save;
He will rejoice over thee with joy,
He will be silent in His love,
He will joy over thee with singing.'
18 I will gather them that are far from the appointed season, who are of thee,
That hast borne the burden of reproach.
19 Behold, at that time
I will deal with all them that afflict thee;
And I will save her that is lame,
And gather her that was driven away;
And I will make them to be a praise and a name,
Whose shame hath been in all the earth.
20 At that time will I bring you in,
And at that time will I gather you;
For I will make you to be a name and a praise
Among all the peoples of the earth,
When I turn your captivity before your eyes,
Saith the LORD.

# חגי
# HAGGAI

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying: 2 ’Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying: This people say: The time is not come, the time that the Lord’S house should be built.’ 3 Then came the word of the Lord by Haggai the prophet, saying: 4 ’Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your cieled houses, while this house lieth waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts:

Consider your ways.
6 Ye have sown much, and brought in little,
Ye eat, but ye have not enough,
Ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink,
Ye clothe you, but there is none warm;
And he that earneth wages earneth wages
For a bag with holes.

7 Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways. 8 Go up to the hill-country, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord. 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of My house that lieth waste, while ye run every man for his own house. 10 Therefore over you the heaven hath kept back, so that there is no dew, and the earth hath kept back her produce. 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands.’

12 Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, hearkened unto the voice of the Lord their God, and unto the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him; and the people did fear before the Lord. 13 Then spoke Haggai the Lord’S messenger in the Lord’S message unto the people, saying: ‘I am with you, saith the Lord.’ 14 And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God, 15 in the four and twentieth day of the month, in the

sixth month, in the second year of
Darius the king.

2 In the seventh month, in the one
and twentieth day of the month,
came the word of the LORD by Haggai
the prophet, saying: [2]’Speak now to
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,
governor of Judah, and to Joshua the
son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and
to the remnant of the people, saying:
[3]Who is left among you that saw this
house in its former glory? and how do
ye see it now? is not such a one as
nothing in your eyes? [4]Yet now be
strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD;
and be strong, O Joshua, son of
Jehozadak, the high priest; and be
strong, all ye people of the land, saith
the LORD, and work; for I am with you,
saith the LORD of hosts. [5]The word that
I covenanted with you when ye came
out of Egypt have I established, and
My spirit abideth among you; fear ye
not. [6]For thus saith the LORD of hosts:
Yet once, it is a little while, and I will
shake the heavens, and the earth, and
the sea, and the dry land; [7]and I will
shake all nations, and the choicest
things of all nations shall come, and I
will fill this house with glory, saith the
LORD of hosts. [8]Mine is the silver, and
Mine the gold, saith the LORD of hosts.
[9]The glory of this latter house shall be
greater than that of the former, saith
the LORD of hosts; and in this place
will I give peace, saith the LORD of
hosts.’

[10]In the four and twentieth day of
the ninth month, in the second year of
Darius, came the word of the LORD by
Haggai the prophet, saying: [11]’Thus
saith the LORD of hosts: Ask now the
priests for instruction, saying: [12]If one
bear hallowed flesh in the skirt of his
garment, and with his skirt do touch
bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or
any food, shall it be holy?’ And the
priests answered and said: ‘No.’
[13]Then said Haggai: ‘If one that is
unclean by a dead body touch any of
these, shall it be unclean?’ And the
priests answered and said: ‘It shall be
unclean.’ [14]Then answered Haggai,
and said: ‘So is this people, and so is
this nation before me, saith the LORD;
and so is every work of their hands;
and that which they offer there is
unclean. [15]And now, I pray you,
consider from this day and forward—
before a stone was laid upon a stone in
the temple of the LORD, [16]through all
that time, when one came to a heap of
twenty measures, there were but ten;
when one came to the winevat to draw
out fifty press-measures, there were
but twenty; [17]I smote you with blasting
and with mildew and with hail in all
the work of your hands; yet ye turned
not to Me, saith the LORD—[18]consider,
I pray you, from this day and forward,
from the four and twentieth day of the
ninth month, even from the day that
the foundation of the LORD’S temple
was laid, consider it; [19]is the seed yet
in the barn? yea, the vine, and the fig-
tree, and the pomegranate, and the
olive-tree hath not brought forth—
from this day will I bless you.’

[20]And the word of the LORD came
the second time unto Haggai in the
four and twentieth day of the month,
saying: [21]'Speak to Zerubbabel,
governor of Judah, saying: I will shake
the heavens and the earth; [22]and I will
overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and
I will destroy the strength of the
kingdoms of the nations; and I will
overthrow the chariots, and those that
ride in them; and the horses and their
riders shall come down, every one by
the sword of his brother. [23]In that day,
saith the LORD of hosts, will I take
thee, O Zerubbabel, My servant, the
son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and
will make thee as a signet; for I have
chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.'

# זכריה
# ZECHARIAH

1 In the eighth month, in the second
year of Darius, came the word of
the LORD unto Zechariah the son of
Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the
prophet, saying: 2’The LORD hath been
sore displeased with your fathers.
3Therefore say thou unto them, Thus
saith the LORD of hosts: Return unto
Me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will
return unto you, saith the LORD of
hosts. 4Be ye not as your fathers, unto
whom the former prophets proclaimed,
saying: Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
Return ye now from your evil ways,
and from your evil doings; but they did
not hear, nor attend unto Me, saith the
LORD. 5Your fathers, where are they?
and the prophets, do they live for ever?
6But My words and My statutes, which
I commanded My servants the
prophets, did they not overtake your
fathers? so that they turned and said:
Like as the LORD of hosts purposed to
do unto us, according to our ways, and
according to our doings, so hath He
dealt with us.’

7Upon the four and twentieth day of
the eleventh month, which is the
month Shebat, in the second year of
Darius, came the word of the LORD
unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah,
the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying—
8I saw in the night, and behold a man
riding upon a red horse, and he stood
among the myrtle-trees that were in
the bottom; and behind him there were
horses, red, sorrel, and white. 9Then
said I: ‘O my lord, what are these?’
And the angel that spoke with me said
unto me: ‘I will show thee what these
are.’ 10And the man that stood among
the myrtle-trees answered and said:
‘These are they whom the LORD hath
sent to walk to and fro through the
earth.’ 11And they answered the angel
of the LORD that stood among the
myrtle-trees, and said: ‘We have
walked to and fro through the earth,
and, behold, all the earth sitteth still,
and is at rest.’ 12Then the angel of the
LORD spoke and said: ‘O LORD of hosts,
how long wilt Thou not have
compassion on Jerusalem and on the
cities of Judah, against which Thou
hast had indignation these threescore
and ten years? 13And the LORD
answered the angel that spoke with me
with good words, even comforting
words—14so the angel that spoke with
me said unto me: ‘Proclaim thou,
saying: Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I
am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion
with a great jealousy; 15and I am very
sore displeased with the nations that
are at ease; for I was but a little
displeased, and they helped for evil.
16Therefore thus saith the LORD: I
return to Jerusalem with compassions:

My house shall be built in it, saith the
Lord of hosts, and a line shall be
stretched forth over Jerusalem.
17 Again, proclaim, saying: Thus saith
the Lord of hosts: My cities shall
again overflow with prosperity; and
the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and
shall yet choose Jerusalem.'

2 And I lifted up mine eyes, and
saw, and behold four horns. 2 And
I said unto the angel that spoke with
me: 'What are these?' And he said
unto me: 'These are the horns which
have scattered Judah, Israel, and
Jerusalem.'
3 And the Lord showed me four
craftsmen. 4 Then said I: 'What come
these to do?' And he spoke, saying:
'These—the horns which scattered
Judah, so that no man did lift up his
head—these then are come to frighten
them, to cast down the horns of the
nations, which lifted up their horn
against the land of Judah to scatter it.'
5 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw,
and behold a man with a measuring
line in his hand. 6 Then said I: 'Whither
goest thou?' And he said unto me: 'To
measure Jerusalem, to see what is the
breadth thereof, and what is the length
thereof.' 7 And, behold, the angel that
spoke with me went forth, and another
angel went out to meet him, 8 and said
unto him: 'Run, speak to this young
man, saying: 'Jerusalem shall be
inhabited without walls for the
multitude of men and cattle therein.
9 For I, saith the Lord, will be unto her
a wall of fire round about, and I will
be the glory in the midst of her.
10 Ho, ho, flee then from the land of
the north, saith the Lord; for I have
spread you abroad as the four winds of
the heaven, saith the Lord. 11 Ho, Zion,
escape, thou that dwellest with the
daughter of Babylon.'
12 For thus saith the Lord of hosts
who sent me after glory unto the
nations which spoiled you: 'Surely, he
that toucheth you toucheth the apple of
his eye. 13 For, behold, I will shake My
hand over them, and they shall be a
spoil to those that served them'; and ye
shall know that the Lord of hosts hath
sent me.
14 'Sing and rejoice, O daughter of
Zion; for, lo, I come, and I will dwell
in the midst of thee, saith the Lord.
15 And many nations shall join
themselves to the Lord in that day, and
shall be My people, and I will dwell in
the midst of thee'; and thou shalt know
that the Lord of hosts hath sent me
unto thee. 16 And the Lord shall inherit
Judah as His portion in the holy land,
and shall choose Jerusalem again. 17 Be
silent, all flesh, before the Lord; for
He is aroused out of His holy
habitation.

3 And he showed me Joshua the
high priest standing before the
angel of the Lord, and Satan standing
at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And
the Lord said unto Satan: 'The Lord
rebuke thee, O Satan, yea, the Lord
that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke
thee; is not this man a brand plucked

out of the fire?' 3Now Joshua was
clothed with filthy garments, and stood
before the angel. 4And he answered
and spoke unto those that stood before
him, saying: 'Take the filthy garments
from off him.' And unto him he said:
'Behold, I cause thine iniquity to pass
from thee, and I will clothe thee with
robes.' 5And I said: 'Let them set a fair
mitre upon his head.' So they set a fair
mitre upon his head, and clothed him
with garments; and the angel of the
LORD stood by. 6And the angel of the
LORD forewarned Joshua, saying:
7'Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If thou
wilt walk in My ways, and if thou wilt
keep My charge, and wilt also judge
My house, and wilt also keep My
courts, then I will give thee free access
among these that stand by. 8Hear now,
O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy
fellows that sit before thee; for they
are men that are a sign; for, behold, I
will bring forth My servant the Shoot.
9For behold the stone that I have laid
before Joshua; upon one stone are
seven facets; behold, I will engrave the
graving thereof, saith the LORD of
hosts: And I will remove the iniquity
of that land in one day. 10In that day,
saith the LORD of hosts, shall ye call
every man his neighbour under the
vine and under the fig-tree.

4 And the angel that spoke with me
returned, and waked me, as a man
that is wakened out of his sleep. 2And
he said unto me: 'What seest thou?'
And I said: 'I have seen, and behold a
candlestick all of gold, with a bowl
upon the top of it, and its seven lamps
thereon; there are seven pipes, yea,
seven, to the lamps, which are upon
the top thereof; 3and two olive-trees by
it, one upon the right side of the bowl,
and the other upon the left side
thereof.' 4And I answered and spoke to
the angel that spoke with me, saying:
'What are these, my lord?' 5Then the
angel that spoke with me answered
and said unto me: 'Knowest thou not
what these are?' And I said: 'No, my
lord.' 6Then he answered and spoke
unto me, saying: 'This is the word of
the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying: Not
by might, nor by power, but by My
spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. 7Who art
thou, O great mountain before
Zerubbabel? thou shalt become a
plain; and he shall bring forth the top
stone with shoutings of Grace, grace,
unto it.'

8Moreover the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying: 9'The hands of
Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of
this house; his hands shall also finish
it; and thou shalt know that the LORD
of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10For
who hath despised the day of small
things? even they shall see with joy the
plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel,
even these seven, which are the eyes
of the LORD, that run to and fro through
the whole earth.'

11Then answered I, and said unto
him: 'What are these two olive-trees
upon the right side of the candlestick
and upon the left side thereof?' 12And I
answered the second time, and said

unto him: 'What are these two olive
branches, which are beside the two
golden spouts, that empty the golden
oil out of themselves?' 13 And he
answered me and said: 'Knowest thou
not what these are?' And I said: 'No,
my lord.' 14 Then said he: 'These are
the two anointed ones, that stand by
the Lord of the whole earth.'

5 Then again I lifted up mine eyes,
and saw, and behold a flying roll.
2 And he said unto me: 'What seest
thou?' And I answered: 'I see a flying
roll; the length thereof is twenty
cubits, and the breadth thereof ten
cubits.' 3 Then said he unto me: 'This is
the curse that goeth forth over the face
of the whole land; for every one that
stealeth shall be swept away on the
one side like it; and every one that
sweareth shall be swept away on the
other side like it. 4 I cause it to go forth,
saith the LORD of hosts, and it shall
enter into the house of the thief, and
into the house of him that sweareth
falsely by My name; and it shall abide
in the midst of his house, and shall
consume it with the timber thereof and
the stones thereof.'

5 Then the angel that spoke with me
went forth, and said unto me: 'Lift up
now thine eyes, and see what is this
that goeth forth.' 6 And I said: 'What is
it?' And he said: 'This is the measure
that goeth forth.' He said moreover:
'This is their eye in all the land— 7 and,
behold, there was lifted up a round
piece of lead—and this is a woman
sitting in the midst of the measure.'
8 And he said: 'This is Wickedness.'
And he cast her down into the midst of
the measure, and he cast the weight of
lead upon the mouth thereof.

9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and
saw, and, behold, there came forth two
women, and the wind was in their
wings; for they had wings like the
wings of a stork; and they lifted up the
measure between the earth and the
heaven. 10 Then said I to the angel that
spoke with me: 'Whither do these bear
the measure?' 11 And he said unto me:
'To build her a house in the land of
Shinar; and when it is prepared, she
shall be set there in her own place.

6 And again I lifted up mine eyes,
and saw, and, behold, there came
four chariots out from between the two
mountains; and the mountains were
mountains of brass. 2 In the first chariot
were red horses; and in the second
chariot black horses; 3 and in the third
chariot white horses; and in the fourth
chariot grizzled bay horses. 4 Then I
answered and said unto the angel that
spoke with me: 'What are these, my
lord?' 5 And the angel answered and
said unto me: 'These chariots go forth
to the four winds of heaven, after
presenting themselves before the Lord
of all the earth. 6 That wherein are the
black horses goeth forth toward the
north country; and the white went
forth after them; and the grizzled went
forth toward the south country; 7 and
the bay went forth'. And they sought
to go that they might walk to and fro
through the earth; and he said: 'Get

you hence, walk to and fro through the earth.’ So they walked to and fro through the earth. [8]Then cried he upon me, and spoke unto me, saying: ‘Behold, they that go toward the north country have eased My spirit in the north country.’

[9]And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying: [10]’Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, that are come from Babylon; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; [11]yea, take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set the one upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; [12]and speak unto him, saying: Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying: Behold, a man whose name is the Shoot, and who shall shoot up out of his place, and build the temple of the Lord; [13]even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and there shall be a priest before his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. [14]And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, as a memorial in the temple of the Lord. [15]And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. And it shall come to pass, if ye will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God—.’

7 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in Chislev; [2]When Bethel-sarezer, and Regem-melech and his men, had sent to entreat the favour of the Lord, [3]and to speak unto the priests of the house of the Lord of hosts, and to the prophets, saying: ‘Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years?’ [4]Then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me, saying: [5]’Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying: When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month, even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto Me, even to Me? [6]And when ye eat, and when ye did drink, are ye not they that eat, and they that drink? [7]Should ye not hearken to the words which the Lord hath proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the Lowland were inhabited?’

[8]And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying: [9]’Thus hath the Lord of hosts spoken, saying: Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassion every man to his brother; [10]and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart. [11]But they refused to attend, and turned a stubborn shoulder, and

stopped their ears, that they might not
hear. 12Yea, they made their hearts as
an adamant stone, lest they should hear
the law, and the words which the Lord
of hosts had sent by His spirit by the
hand of the former prophets; therefore
came there great wrath from the Lord
of hosts. 13And it came to pass that, as
He called, and they would not hear; so
they shall call, and I will not hear, said
the Lord of hosts; 14but I will scatter
them with a whirlwind among all the
nations whom they have not known.
Thus the land was desolate after them,
so that no man passed through nor
returned; for they laid the pleasant
land desolate.'

8 And the word of the Lord of hosts
came, saying: 2'Thus saith the
Lord of hosts: I am jealous for Zion
with great jealousy, and I am jealous
for her with great fury.

3Thus saith the Lord: I return unto
Zion, and will dwell in the midst of
Jerusalem; and Jerusalem shall be
called The city of truth; and the
mountain of the Lord of hosts The
holy mountain.

4Thus saith the Lord of hosts: There
shall yet old men and old women sit in
the broad places of Jerusalem, every
man with his staff in his hand for very
age. 5And the broad places of the city
shall be full of boys and girls playing
in the broad places thereof.

6Thus saith the Lord of hosts: If it
be marvellous in the eyes of the
remnant of this people in those days,
should it also be marvellous in Mine
eyes? saith the Lord of hosts.

7Thus saith the Lord of hosts:
Behold, I will save My people from
the east country, and from the west
country; 8And I will bring them, and
they shall dwell in the midst of
Jerusalem; and they shall be My
people, and I will be their God, in truth
and in righteousness.

9Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Let
your hands be strong, ye that hear in
these days these words from the mouth
of the prophets that were in the day
that the foundation of the house of the
Lord of hosts was laid, even the
temple, that it might be built. 10For
before those days there was no hire for
man, nor any hire for beast; neither
was there any peace to him that went
out or came in because of the
adversary; for I set all men every one
against his neighbour. 11But now I will
not be unto the remnant of this people
as in the former days, saith the Lord of
hosts. 12For as the seed of peace, the
vine shall give her fruit, and the
ground shall give her increase, and the
heavens shall give their dew; and I will
cause the remnant of this people to
inherit all these things. 13And it shall
come to pass that, as ye were a curse
among the nations, O house of Judah
and house of Israel, so will I save you,
and ye shall be a blessing; fear not, but
let your hands be strong. 14For thus
saith the Lord of host: As I purposed
to do evil unto you, when your fathers
provoked Me, saith the Lord of hosts,

and I repented not; [15]so again do I
purpose in these days to do good unto
Jerusalem and to the house of Judah;
fear ye not. [16]These are the things that
ye shall do: Speak ye every man the
truth with his neighbour; execute the
judgment of truth and peace in your
gates; [17]and let none of you devise evil
in your hearts against his neighbour;
and love no false oath; for all these are
things that I hate, saith the LORD.’

[18]And the word of the LORD of hosts
came unto me, saying: [19]‘Thus saith
the LORD of hosts: The fast of the
fourth month, and the fast of the fifth,
and the fast of the seventh, and the fast
of the tenth, shall be to the house of
Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful
seasons; therefore love ye truth and
peace. [20]Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
It shall yet come to pass, that there
shall come peoples, and the inhabitants
of many cities; [21]and the inhabitants of
one city shall go to another, saying:
Let us go speedily to entreat the favour
of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of
hosts; I will go also. [22]Yea, many
peoples and mighty nations shall come
to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem,
and to entreat the favour of the LORD.
[23]Thus saith the LORD of hosts: In those
days it shall come to pass, that ten men
shall take hold, out of all the languages
of the nations, shall even take hold of
the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying:
We will go with you, for we have
heard that God is with you.’

## 9

The burden of the word of the LORD.

In the land of Hadrach,
And in Damascus shall be His
resting-place;
For the LORD’S is the eye of man
And all the tribes of Israel.
[2]And Hamath also shall border
thereon;
Tyre and Zidon, for she is very
wise.
[3]And Tyre did build herself a
stronghold,
And heaped up silver as the dust,
And fine gold as the mire of the
streets.
[4]Behold, the Lord will impoverish
her,
And He will smite her power into
the sea;
And she shall be devoured with fire.
[5]Ashkelon shall see it, and fear,
Gaza also, and shall be sore pained,
And Ekron, for her expectation shall
be ashamed;
And the king shall perish from
Gaza,
And Ashkelon shall not be
inhabited.
[6]And a bastard shall dwell in
Ashdod,
And I will cut off the pride of the
Philistines.
[7]And I will take away his blood out
of his mouth,
And his detestable things from
between his teeth,

And he also shall be a remnant for our God;
And he shall be as a chief in Judah,
And Ekron as a Jebusite.
8 And I will encamp about My house against the army,
That none pass through or return;
And no oppressor shall pass through them any more;
For now have I seen with Mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion,
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem;
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee,
He is triumphant, and victorious,
Lowly, and riding upon an ass,
Even upon a colt the foal of an ass.
10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,
And the horse from Jerusalem,
And the battle bow shall be cut off,
And he shall speak peace unto the nations;
And his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
And from the River to the ends of the earth.
11 As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant
I send forth thy prisoners out of the pit
Wherein is no water.
12 Return to the stronghold,
Ye prisoners of hope;
Even to-day do I declare
That I will render double unto thee.
13 For I bend Judah for Me,
I fill the bow with Ephraim;
And I will stir up thy sons, O Zion,
Against thy sons, O Javan,
And will make thee as the sword of a mighty man.
14 And the LORD shall be seen over them,
And His arrow shall go forth as the lightning;
And the Lord GOD will blow the horn,
And will go with whirlwinds of the south.
15 The LORD of hosts will defend them;
And they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling-stones;
And they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine;
And they shall be filled like the basins, like the corners of the altar.
16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day
As the flock of His people;
For they shall be as the stones of a crown,
Glittering over His land.
17 For how great is their goodness, and how great is their beauty!
Corn shall make the young men flourish,
And new wine the maids.

10 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain,
Even of the LORD that maketh lightnings;

And He will give them showers of rain,
To every one grass in the field.
2For the teraphim have spoken vanity,
And the diviners have seen a lie,
And the dreams speak falsely,
They comfort in vain;
Therefore they go their way like sheep,
They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd.

3Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds,
And I will punish the he-goats;
For the Lord of hosts hath remembered His flock the house of Judah,
And maketh them as His majestic horse in the battle.
4Out of them shall come forth the corner-stone,
Out of them the stake,
Out of them the battle bow,
Out of them every master together.
5And they shall be as mighty men,
Treading down in the mire of the streets in the battle,
And they shall fight, because the Lord is with them;
And the riders on horses shall be confounded.
6And I will strengthen the house of Judah,
And I will save the house of Joseph,
And I will bring them back, for I have compassion upon them,
And they shall be as though I had not cast them off;
For I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them.
7And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,
And their heart shall rejoice as through wine;
Yea, their children shall see it,
And rejoice, their heart shall be glad in the Lord.
8I will hiss for them, and gather them,
For I have redeemed them;
And they shall increase as they have increased.
9And I will sow them among the peoples,
And they shall remember Me in far countries;
And they shall live with their children, and shall return.
10I will bring them back also out of the land of Egypt,
And gather them out of Assyria;
And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon;
And place shall not suffice them.
11And over the sea affliction shall pass,
And the waves shall be smitten in the sea,
And all the depths of the Nile shall dry up;
And the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
And the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

12And I will strengthen them in the LORD;
And they shall walk up and down in His name,
Saith the LORD.

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon,
That the fire may devour thy cedars.
2Wail, O cypress-tree, for the cedar is fallen;
Because the glorious ones are spoiled;
Wail, O ye oaks of Bashan,
For the strong forest is come down.
3Hark! the wailing of the shepherds,
For their glory is spoiled;
Hark! the roaring of young lions,
For the thickets of the Jordan are spoiled.

4Thus said the LORD my God: 'Feed
the flock of slaughter; 5whose buyers
slay them, and hold themselves not
guilty; and they that sell them say:
Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich; and
their own shepherds pity them not.
6For I will no more pity the inhabitants
of the land, saith the LORD; but, lo, I
will deliver the men every one into his
neighbour's hand, and into the hand of
his king; and they shall smite the land,
and out of their hand I will not deliver
them.' 7So I fed the flock of slaughter,
verily the poor of the flock. And I took
unto me two staves; the one I called
Graciousness, and the other I called
Binders; and I fed the flock. 8And I cut
off the three shepherds in one month;
'for My soul became impatient of
them, and their soul also loathed Me.'
9Then said I: 'I will not feed you; that
which dieth, let it die; and that which
is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let
them that are left eat every one the
flesh of another.' 10And I took my staff
Graciousness, and cut it asunder, 'that
I might break My covenant which I
had made with all the peoples.' 11And
it was broken in that day; and the poor
of the flock that gave heed unto me
knew of a truth that it was the word of
the LORD. 12And I said unto them: 'If
ye think good, give me my hire; and if
not, forbear.' So they weighed for my
hire thirty pieces of silver. 13And the
LORD said unto me: 'Cast it into the
treasury, the goodly price that I was
prized at of them.' And I took the
thirty pieces of silver, and cast them
into the treasury, in the house of the
LORD. 14Then I cut asunder mine other
staff, even Binders, that the
brotherhood between Judah and Israel
might be broken.

15And the LORD said unto me: 'Take
unto thee yet the instruments of a
foolish shepherd. 16For, lo, I will raise
up a shepherd in the land, who will not
think of those that are cut off, neither
will seek those that are young, nor heal
that which is broken; neither will he
feed that which standeth still, but he
will eat the flesh of the fat, and will
break their hoofs in pieces.'

17Woe to the worthless shepherd
That leaveth the flock!
The sword shall be upon his arm,
And upon his right eye;

His arm shall be clean dried up,
And his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

## 12

The burden of the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

The saying of the LORD, who stretched forth the heavens,
And laid the foundation of the earth,
And formed the spirit of man within him:
2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of staggering
Unto all the peoples round about,
And upon Judah also shall it fall to be in the siege against Jerusalem.
3 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will make Jerusalem a stone of burden for all the peoples;
All that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded;
And all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it.
4 In that day, saith the LORD,
I will smite every horse with bewilderment,
And his rider with madness;
And I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah,
And will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness.
5 And the chiefs of Judah shall say in their heart:
'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength
Through the LORD of hosts their God.'
6 In that day will I make the chiefs of Judah
Like a pan of fire among the wood,
And like a torch of fire among sheaves;
And they shall devour all the peoples round about,
On the right hand and on the left;
And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem.
7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first,
That the glory of the house of David
And the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem be not magnified above Judah.
8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
And he that stumbleth among them at that day shall be as David;
And the house of David shall be as a godlike being,
As the angel of the LORD before them.
9 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will seek to destroy all the nations
That come against Jerusalem.
10 And I will pour upon the house of David,
And upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
The spirit of grace and of supplication;

And they shall look unto Me
because [a]they have thrust him through;
And they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son,
And shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.
11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem,
As the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart:
The family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart;
The family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;
13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart;
The family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart;
14 All the families that remain,
Every family apart, and their wives apart.

13 In that day there shall be a fountain opened
To the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
For purification and for sprinkling.
2 And it shall come to pass in that day,
Saith the Lord of hosts,
That I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land,
And they shall no more be remembered;
And also I will cause the prophets
And the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.
3 And it shall come to pass that, when
any shall yet prophesy, then his father
and his mother that begot him shall say
unto him: 'Thou shalt not live, for thou
speakest lies in the name of the Lord';
and his father and his mother that
begot him shall thrust him through
when he prophesieth. 4 And it shall
come to pass in that day, that the
prophets shall be brought to shame
every one through his vision, when he
prophesieth; neither shall they wear a
hairy mantle to deceive; 5 but he shall
say: 'I am no prophet, I am a tiller of
the ground; for I have been made a
bondman from my youth.' 6 And one
shall say unto him: 'What are these
wounds between thy hands?' Then he
shall answer: 'Those with which I was
wounded in the house of my friends.'

7 Awake, O sword, against My shepherd,
And against the man that is near unto Me,
Saith the Lord of hosts;
Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered;
And I will turn My hand upon the little ones.
8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord,
Two parts therein shall be cut off and die;

[a] That is, *the nations*. See verse 9.

But the third shall be left therein.
9 And I will bring the third part through the fire,
And will refine them as silver is refined,
And will try them as gold is tried;
They shall call on My name,
And I will answer them;
I will say: 'It is My people',
And they shall say: 'The LORD is my God.'

14 Behold, a day of the LORD cometh,
When thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle;
And the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled,
And the women ravished;
And half of the city shall go forth into captivity,
But the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
3 Then shall the LORD go forth,
And fight against those nations,
As when He fighteth in the day of battle.
4 And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives,
Which is before Jerusalem on the east,
And the mount of Olives shall cleft in the midst thereof
Toward the east and toward the west,
So that there shall be a very great valley;
And half of the mountain shall remove toward the north,
And half of it toward the south.
5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains;
For the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azel;
Yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake
In the days of Uzziah king of Judah;
And the LORD my God shall come,
And all the holy ones with Thee.
6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that there shall not be light,
But heavy clouds and thick;
7 And there shall be one day
Which shall be known as the LORD'S,
Not day, and not night;
But it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light.
8 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That living waters shall go out from Jerusalem:
Half of them toward the eastern sea,
And half of them toward the western sea;
In summer and in winter shall it be.
9 And the LORD shall be King over all the earth;
In that day shall the LORD be One, and His name one.
10 All the land shall be turned as the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and

from the tower of Hananel unto the king's winepresses.

[11]And men shall dwell therein,
And there shall be no more extermination;
But Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

[12]And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite
All the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem:
Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet,
And their eyes shall consume away in their sockets,
And their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
[13]And it shall come to pass in that day,
That a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them;
And they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour,
And his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour.
[14]And Judah also shall fight against Jerusalem;
And the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together,
Gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.
[15]And so shall be the plague of the horse,
Of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass,
And of all the beasts that shall be in those camps, as this plague.

[16]And it shall come to pass, that every
one that is left of all the nations that
came against Jerusalem shall go up
from year to year to worship the King,
the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast
of tabernacles. [17]And it shall be, that
whoso of the families of the earth
goeth not up unto Jerusalem to
worship the King, the LORD of hosts,
upon them there shall be no rain.
[18]And if the family of Egypt go not up,
and come not, they shall have no
overflow; there shall be the plague,
wherewith the LORD will smite the
nations that go not up to keep the feast
of tabernacles. [19]This shall be the
punishment of Egypt, and the
punishment of all the nations that go
not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
[20]In that day shall there be upon the
bells of the horses: HOLY UNTO THE LORD;
and the pots in the LORD'S house shall
be like the basins before the altar.
[21]Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in
Judah shall be holy unto the LORD of
hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall
come and take of them, and seethe
therein; and in that day there shall be
no more a trafficker in the house of the
LORD of hosts.

# מלאכי
# MALACHI

1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi.

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD.
Yet ye say: 'Wherein hast Thou loved us?'
Was not Esau Jacob's brother?
Saith the LORD;
Yet I loved Jacob;
3 But Esau I hated,
And made his mountains a desolation,
And gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness.
4 Whereas Edom saith:
'We are beaten down,
But we will return and build the waste places';
Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
They shall build, but I will throw down;
And they shall be called The border of wickedness,
And The people whom the LORD execrateth for ever.
5 And your eyes shall see,
And ye shall say:
'The LORD is great beyond the border of Israel.'

6 A son honoureth his father,
And a servant his master;
If then I be a father,
Where is My honour?
And if I be a master,
Where is My fear?
Saith the LORD of hosts
Unto you, O priests, that despise My name.
And ye say: 'Wherein have we despised Thy name?'
7 Ye offer polluted bread upon Mine altar.
And ye say: 'Wherein have we polluted thee?'
In that ye say: 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'
8 And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it no evil!
And when ye offer the lame and sick, is it no evil!
Present it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee?
Or will he accept thy person?
Saith the LORD of hosts.
9 And now, I pray you, entreat the favour of God
That He may be gracious unto us!—
This hath been of your doing.—
Will He accept any of your persons?
Saith the LORD of hosts.
10 Oh that there were even one among you that would shut the doors,

That ye might not kindle fire on
Mine altar in vain!
I have no pleasure in you,
Saith the LORD of hosts,
Neither will I accept an offering at
your hand.
11 For from the rising of the sun even
unto the going down of the same
My name is great among the
nations;
And in every place offerings are
presented unto My name,
Even pure oblations;
For My name is great among the
nations,
Saith the LORD of hosts.
12 But ye profane it,
In that ye say:
'The table of the LORD is polluted,
And the fruit thereof, even the food
thereof, is contemptible.'
13 Ye say also:
'Behold, what a weariness is it!'
And ye have snuffed at it,
Saith the LORD of hosts;
And ye have brought that which was
taken by violence,
And the lame, and the sick;
Thus ye bring the offering;
Should I accept this of your hand?
Saith the LORD.
14 But cursed be he that dealeth
craftily,
Whereas he hath in his flock a male,
And voweth, and sacrificeth unto
the Lord a blemished thing;
For I am a great King,
Saith the LORD of hosts,
And My name is feared among the
nations.

2 And now, this commandment
Is for you, O ye priests.
2 If ye will not hearken, and if ye
will not lay it to heart,
To give glory unto My name,
Saith the LORD of hosts,
Then will I send the curse upon you,
And I will curse your blessings;
Yea, I curse them,
Because ye do not lay it to heart.
3 Behold, I will rebuke the seed for
your hurt,
And will spread dung upon your
faces,
Even the dung of your sacrifices;
And ye shall be taken away unto it.
4 Know then that I have sent
This commandment unto you,
That My covenant might be with
Levi,
Saith the LORD of hosts.
5 My covenant was with him
Of life and peace, and I gave them
to him,
And of fear, and he feared Me,
And was afraid of My name.
6 The law of truth was in his mouth,
And unrighteousness was not found
in his lips;
He walked with Me in peace and
uprightness,
And did turn many away from
iniquity.
7 For the priest's lips should keep
knowledge,

And they should seek the law at his mouth;
For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.
8 But ye are turned aside out of the way;
Ye have caused many to stumble in the law;
Ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi,
Saith the LORD of hosts.
9 Therefore have I also made you
Contemptible and base before all the people,
According as ye have not kept My ways,
But have had respect of persons in the law.

10 Have we not all one father?
Hath not one God created us?
Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother,
Profaning the covenant of our fathers?
11 Judah hath dealt treacherously,
And an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem;
For Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which He loveth,
And hath married the daughter of a strange god.
12 May the LORD cut off to the man that doeth this,
Him that calleth and him that answereth out of the tents of Jacob,
And him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts.
13 And this further ye do:
Ye cover the altar of the LORD with tears,
With weeping, and with sighing,
Insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more,
Neither receiveth it with good will at your hand.
14 Yet ye say: 'Wherefore?'
Because the LORD hath been witness
Between thee and the wife of thy youth,
Against whom thou hast dealt treacherously,
Though she is thy companion,
And the wife of thy covenant.
15 And not one hath done so
Who had exuberance of spirit!
For what seeketh the one?
A seed given of God.
Therefore take heed to your spirit,
And let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.
16 For I hate putting away,
Saith the LORD, the God of Israel,
And him that covereth his garment with violence,
Saith the LORD of hosts;
Therefore take heed to your spirit,
That ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.
Yet ye say: 'Wherein have we wearied Him?'
In that ye say: 'Every one that doeth evil

Is good in the sight of the LORD,
And He delighteth in them;
Or where is the God of justice?'

3 Behold, I send My messenger,
And he shall clear the way before Me;
And the Lord, whom ye seek,
Will suddenly come to His temple,
And the messenger of the covenant,
Whom ye delight in,
Behold, he cometh,
Saith the LORD of hosts.
2 But who may abide the day of his coming?
And who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a refiner's fire,
And like fullers'soap;
3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver;
And he shall purify the sons of Levi,
And purge them as gold and silver;
And there shall be they that shall offer unto the LORD
Offerings in righteousness.
4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
Be pleasant unto the LORD,
As in the days of old,
And as in ancient years.

5 And I will come near to you to judgment;
And I will be a swift witness
Against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers,
And against false swearers;
And against those that oppress the hireling in his wages,
The widow, and the fatherless,
And that turn aside the stranger from his right,
And fear not Me,
Saith the LORD of hosts.
6 For I the LORD change not;
And ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside
From Mine ordinances, and have not kept them.
Return unto Me, and I will return unto you,
Saith the LORD of hosts.
But ye say: 'Wherein shall we return?'
8 Will a man rob God?
Yet ye rob Me.
But ye say: 'Wherein have we robbed Thee?'
In tithes and heave-offerings.
9 Ye are cursed with the curse,
Yet ye rob Me,
Even this whole nation.
10 Bring ye the whole tithe into the store-house,
That there may be food in My house,
And try Me now herewith,
Saith the LORD of hosts,
If I will not open you the windows of heaven,
And pour you out a blessing,
That there shall be more than sufficiency.

11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your good,
And he shall not destroy the fruits of your land;
Neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field,
Saith the Lord of hosts.
12 And all nations shall call you happy;
For ye shall be a delightsome land,
Saith the Lord of hosts.

13 Your words have been all too strong against Me,
Saith the Lord.
Yet ye say: 'Wherein have we spoken against thee?'
14 Ye have said: 'It is vain to serve God;
And what profit is it that we have kept His charge,
And that we have walked mournfully
Because of the Lord of hosts?
15 And now we call the proud happy;
Yea, they that work wickedness are built up;
Yea, they try God, and are delivered.'
16 Then they that feared the Lord
Spoke one with another;
And the Lord hearkened, and heard,
And a book of remembrance was written before Him,
For them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name.
17 And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of hosts,
In the day that I do make, even Mine own treasure;
And I will spare them, as a man spareth
His own son that serveth him.
18 Then shall ye again discern between the righteous and the wicked,
Between him that serveth God
And him that serveth Him not.
19 For, behold, the day cometh,
It burneth as a furnace;
And all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble;
And the day that cometh shall set them ablaze,
Saith the Lord of hosts,
That it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
20 But unto you that fear My name
Shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in its wings;
And ye shall go forth, and gambol
As calves of the stall.
21 And ye shall tread down the wicked;
For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet
In the day that I do make,
Saith the Lord of hosts.

22 Remember ye the law of Moses My servant,
Which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
Even statutes and ordinances.
23 Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet
Before the coming

Of the great and terrible day of the
LORD.
24 And he shall turn the heart of the
fathers to the children,
And the heart of the children to their
fathers;
Lest I come and smite the land with
utter destruction.

Behold, I will send you
Elijah the prophet
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Of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

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## ספר ראשון
## BOOK I

1 HAPPY IS the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stood in the way of sinners,
Nor sat in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
And in His law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by streams of water,
That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
And whose leaf doth not wither;
And in whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper.

4 Not so the wicked;
But they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the LORD regardeth the way of the righteous;
But the way of the wicked shall perish.

2 Why are the nations in an uproar?
And why do the peoples mutter in vain?
2 The kings of the earth stand up,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD, and against His anointed:
3 'Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.'

4 He that sitteth in heaven laugheth,
The Lord hath them in derision.
5 Then will He speak unto them in His wrath,
And affright them in His sore displeasure:
6 'Truly it is I that have established My king
Upon Zion, My holy mountain.'

7 I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said unto me: 'Thou art My son,
This day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of Me, and I will give the nations for thine inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

10 Now therefore, O ye kings, be wise;
Be admonished, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
12 Do homage in purity, lest He be angry, and ye perish in the way,
When suddenly His wrath is kindled.

Happy are all they that take refuge in Him.

## 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

2 LORD, how many are mine adversaries become!
Many are they that rise up against me.
3 Many there are that say of my soul:
'There is no salvation for him in God.' Selah

4 But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.
5 With my voice I call unto the LORD,
And He answereth me out of His holy mountain. Selah

6 I lay me down, and I sleep;
I awake, for the LORD sustaineth me.
7 I am not afraid of ten thousands of people,
That have set themselves against me round about.

8 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God;
For Thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek,
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.

9 Salvation belongeth unto the LORD;
Thy blessing be upon Thy people.
Selah

## 4

For the Leader; with string-music. A Psalm of David.

2 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness,
Thou who didst set me free when I was in distress;
Be gracious unto me, and hear my prayer.
3 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be put to shame,
In that ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood? Selah
4 But know that the LORD hath set apart the godly man as His own;
The LORD will hear when I call unto Him.

5 Tremble, and sin not;
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah
6 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the LORD.

7 Many there are that say: 'Oh that we could see some good!'
LORD, lift Thou up the light of Thy countenance upon us.
8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than when their corn and their wine increase.
9 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;
For Thou, LORD, makest me dwell alone in safety.

# 5

For the Leader; upon the Nehiloth. A Psalm of David.

2 Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation.
3 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God;
For unto Thee do I pray.

4 O LORD, in the morning shalt Thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order my prayer unto Thee, and will look forward.
5 For Thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness;
Evil shall not sojourn with Thee.
6 The boasters shall not stand in Thy sight;
Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.
7 Thou destroyest them that speak falsehood;
The LORD abhorreth the man of blood and of deceit.
8 But as for me, in the abundance of Thy lovingkindness will I come into Thy house;
I will bow down toward Thy holy temple in the fear of Thee.

9 O LORD, lead me in Thy righteousness because of them that lie in wait for me;
Make Thy way straight before my face.
10 For there is no sincerity in their mouth;
Their inward part is a yawning gulf,
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
They make smooth their tongue.
11 Hold them guilty, O God,
Let them fall by their own counsels;
Cast them down in the multitude of their transgressions;
For they have rebelled against Thee.

12 So shall all those that take refuge in Thee rejoice,
They shall ever shout for joy,
And Thou shalt shelter them;
Let them also that love Thy name exult in Thee.
13 For Thou dost bless the righteous;
O LORD, Thou dost encompass him with favour as with a shield.

# 6

For the Leader; with string-music; on the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

2 O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger,
Neither chasten me in Thy wrath.
3 Be gracious unto me, O LORD, for I languish away;

Heal me, O LORD, for my bones are affrighted.
4 My soul also is sore affrighted;
And Thou, O LORD, how long?

5 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul;
Save me for Thy mercy's sake.
6 For in death there is no remembrance of Thee;
In the nether-world who will give Thee thanks?
7 I am weary with my groaning;
Every night make I my bed to swim;
I melt away my couch with my tears.
8 Mine eye is dimmed because of vexation;
It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.

9 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;
For the LORD hath heard the voice of my weeping.
10 The LORD hath heard my supplication;
The LORD receiveth my prayer.
11 All mine enemies shall be ashamed and sore affrighted;
They shall turn back, they shall be ashamed suddenly.

# 7

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning Cush a Benjamite.

2 O LORD my God, in Thee have I taken refuge;
Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me;
3 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

4 O LORD my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;
5 If I have requited him that did evil unto me,
Or spoiled mine adversary unto emptiness;
6 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it,
And tread my life down to the earth;
Yea, let him lay my glory in the dust. Selah

7 Arise, O LORD, in Thine anger,
Lift up Thyself in indignation against mine adversaries;
Yea, awake for me at the judgment which Thou hast commanded.
8 And let the congregation of the peoples compass Thee about,
And over them return Thou on high.

9 O LORD, who ministerest judgment to the peoples,
Judge me, O LORD,
According to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.
10 Oh that a full measure of evil might come upon the wicked,
And that Thou wouldest establish the righteous;

For the righteous God trieth the
heart and reins.
11 My shield is with God,
Who saveth the upright in heart.
12 God is a righteous judge,
Yea, a God that hath indignation
every day:
13 If a man turn not, He will whet His
sword,
He hath bent His bow, and made it
ready;
14 He hath also prepared for him the
weapons of death,
Yea, His arrows which He made
sharp.
15 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;
Yea, he conceiveth mischief, and
bringeth forth falsehood.
16 He hath digged a pit, and hollowed
it,
And is fallen into the ditch which he
made.
17 His mischief shall return upon his
own head,
And his violence shall come down
upon his own pate.

18 I will give thanks unto the LORD
according to His righteousness;
And will sing praise to the name of
the LORD Most High.

## 8

For the Leader; upon the Gittith.
A Psalm of David.

2 O LORD, our Lord,
How glorious is Thy name in all the
earth!
Whose majesty is rehearsed above
the heavens.
3 Out of the mouth of babes and
sucklings hast Thou founded
strength,
Because of Thine adversaries;
That Thou mightest still the enemy
and the avenger.

4 When I behold Thy heavens, the
work of Thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which Thou
hast established;
5 What is man, that Thou art mindful
of him?
And the son of man, that Thou
thinkest of him?
6 Yet Thou hast made him but little
lower than the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory
and honour.
7 Thou hast made him to have
dominion over the works of Thy
hands;
Thou hast put all things under His
feet:
8 Sheep and oxen, all of them,
Yea, and the beasts of the field;
9 The fowl of the air, and the fish of
the sea;
Whatsoever passeth through the
paths of the seas.

10 O LORD, our Lord,
How glorious is Thy name in all the
earth!

## 9

For the Leader; upon Muthlabben.
A Psalm of David.

2 I will give thanks unto the LORD
with my whole heart;
I will tell of all Thy marvellous
works.
3 I will be glad and exult in Thee;
I will sing praise to Thy name, O
Most High:

4 When mine enemies are turned
back,
They stumble and perish at Thy
presence;
5 For Thou hast maintained my right
and my cause;
Thou sattest upon the throne as the
righteous Judge.

6 Thou hast rebuked the nations,
Thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast blotted out their name for
ever and ever.
7 O thou enemy, the waste places are
come to an end for ever;
And the cities which thou didst
uproot,
Their very memorial is perished.

8 But the LORD is enthroned for ever;
He hath established His throne for
judgment.
9 And He will judge the world in
righteousness,
He will minister judgment to the
peoples with equity.

10 The LORD also will be a high tower
for the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;
11 And they that know Thy name will
put their trust in Thee;
For thou, LORD, hast not forsaken
them that seek Thee.

12 Sing praises to the LORD, who
dwelleth in Zion;
Declare among the peoples His
doings.
13 For He that avengeth blood hath
remembered them;
He hath not forgotten the cry of the
humble.

14 Be gracious unto me, O LORD,
Behold mine affliction at the hands
of them that hate me;
Thou that liftest me up from the
gates of death;
15 That I may tell of all Thy praise in
the gates of the daughter of Zion,
That I may rejoice in Thy salvation.

16 The nations are sunk down in the
pit that they made;
In the net which they hid is their
own foot taken.
17 The LORD hath made Himself
known, He hath executed
judgment,
The wicked is snared in the work of
his own hands. Higgaion. Selah

18 The wicked shall return to the
nether-world,
Even all the nations that forget God.
19 For the needy shall not alway be
forgotten,

Nor the expectation of the poor
perish for ever.
20 Arise, O LORD, let not man prevail;
Let the nations be judged in Thy
sight.
21 Set terror over them, O LORD;
Let the nations know they are but
men. Selah

10 Why standest Thou afar off,
O LORD?
Why hidest Thou Thyself in times
of trouble?
2 Through the pride of the wicked the
poor is hotly pursued,
They are taken in the devices that
they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his
heart's desire,
And the covetous vaunteth himself,
though he contemn the LORD.
4 The wicked, in the pride of his
countenance [, saith]: 'He will not
require';
All his thoughts are: 'There is no
God.'
5 His ways prosper at all times;
Thy judgments are far above out of
his sight;
As for all his adversaries, he puffeth
at them.
6 He saith in his heart: 'I shall not be
moved,
I who to all generations shall not be
in adversity.'
7 His mouth is full of cursing and
deceit and oppression;
Under his tongue is mischief and
iniquity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of
the villages;
In secret places doth he slay the
innocent;
His eyes are on the watch for the
helpless.
9 He lieth in wait in a secret place as
a lion in his lair,
He lieth in wait to catch the poor;
He doth catch the poor, when he
draweth him up in his net.
10 He croucheth, he boweth down,
And the helpless fall into his mighty
claws.
11 He hath said in his heart: 'God
hath forgotten;
He hideth His face; He will never
see.'

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Thy
hand;
Forget not the humble.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked
contemn God,
And say in his heart: 'Thou wilt not
require'?
14 Thou hast seen; for Thou
beholdest trouble and vexation, to
requite them with Thy hand;
Unto Thee the helpless committeth
himself;
Thou hast been the helper of the
fatherless.

15 Break Thou the arm of the wicked;

And as for the evil man, search out his wickedness, till none be found.
16 The Lord is King for ever and ever;
The nations are perished out of His land.

17 Lord, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble:
Thou wilt direct their heart, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to attend;
18 To right the fatherless and the oppressed,
That man who is of the earth may be terrible no more.

# 11

For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David.

In the Lord have I taken refuge;
How say ye to my soul:
'Flee thou! to your mountain, ye birds'?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
They have made ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart.
3 When the foundations are destroyed,
What hath the righteous wrought?

4 The Lord is in His holy temple,
The Lord, His throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.
5 The Lord trieth the righteous;
But the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth.
6 Upon the wicked He will cause to rain coals;
Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the Lord is righteous, He loveth righteousness;
The upright shall behold His face.

# 12

For the Leader; on the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

2 Help, Lord; for the godly man ceaseth;
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
3 They speak falsehood every one with his neighbour;
With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak.

4 May the Lord cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaketh proud things!
5 Who have said: 'Our tongue will we make mighty;
Our lips are with us: who is lord over us?'

6 'For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,
Now will I arise', saith the Lord;
'I will set him in safety at whom they puff.'

7The words of the Lord are pure
words,
As silver tried in a crucible on the
earth, refined seven times.

8Thou wilt keep them, O Lord;
Thou wilt preserve us from this
generation for ever.
9The wicked walk on every side,
When vileness is exalted among the
sons of men.

## 13 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2How long, O Lord, wilt Thou
forget me for ever?
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face
from me?
3How long shall I take counsel in
my soul, having sorrow in my
heart by day?
How long shall mine enemy be
exalted over me?
4Behold Thou, and answer me, O
Lord my God;
Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the
sleep of death;
5Lest mine enemy say: 'I have
prevailed against him';
Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I
am moved.

6But as for me, in Thy mercy do I
trust;
My heart shall rejoice in Thy
salvation.
6I will sing unto the Lord,
Because He hath dealt bountifully
with me.

## 14 For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David.

The fool hath said in his heart:
'There is no God';
They have dealt corruptly, they have
done abominably;
There is none that doeth good.
2The Lord looked forth from heaven
upon the children of men,
To see if there were any man of
understanding, that did seek after
God.
3They are all corrupt, they are
together become impure;
There is none that doeth good, no,
not one.

4'Shall not all the workers of
iniquity know it,
Who eat up My people as they eat
bread,
And call not upon the Lord?'
5There are they in great fear;
For God is with the righteous
generation.
6Ye would put to shame the counsel
of the poor,
But the Lord is his refuge.
7Oh that the salvation of Israel were
come out of Zion!
When the Lord turneth the captivity
of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

## 15

A Psalm of David.

LORD, who shall sojourn in Thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell upon Thy holy mountain?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh truth in his heart;
3 That hath no slander upon his tongue,
Nor doeth evil to his fellow,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour;
4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honoureth them that fear the LORD;
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not;
5 He that putteth not out his money on interest,
Nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

## 16

Michtam of David.

Keep me, O God; for I have taken refuge in Thee.
2 I have said unto the LORD: 'Thou art my Lord;
I have no good but in Thee';
3 As for the holy that are in the earth,
They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.
4 Let the idols of them be multiplied that make suit unto another;
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer,
Nor take their names upon my lips.
5 O LORD, the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup,
Thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel;
Yea, in the night seasons my reins instruct me.
8 I have set the LORD always before me;
Surely He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth; my flesh also dwelleth in safety;
10 For Thou wilt not abandon my soul to the nether-world;
Neither wilt Thou suffer Thy godly one to see the pit.
11 Thou makest me to know the path of life;
In Thy presence is fulness of joy,
In Thy right hand bliss for evermore.

## 17

A Prayer of David.

Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer from lips without deceit.
2 Let my judgment come forth from Thy presence;

Let Thine eyes behold equity.
3Thou hast tried my heart, Thou hast visited it in the night;
Thou hast tested me, and Thou findest not
That I had a thought which should not pass my mouth.
4As for the doings of men, by the word of Thy lips
I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
5My steps have held fast to Thy paths,
My feet have not slipped.

6As for me, I call upon Thee, for Thou wilt answer me, O God;
Incline Thine ear unto me, hear my speech.
7Make passing great Thy mercies, O Thou that savest by Thy right hand
From assailants them that take refuge in Thee.
8Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me in the shadow of Thy wings,
9From the wicked that oppress,
My deadly enemies, that compass me about.
10Their gross heart they have shut tight,
With their mouth they speak proudly.
11At our every step they have now encompassed us;
They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
12He is like a lion that is eager to tear in pieces,
And like a young lion lurking in secret places.

13Arise, O LORD, confront him, cast him down;
Deliver my soul from the wicked, by Thy sword;
14From men, by Thy hand, O LORD,
From men of the world, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly Thou fillest with Thy treasure;
Who have children in plenty,
And leave their abundance to their babes.
15As for me, I shall behold Thy face in righteousness;
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness.

18 For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David the servant of the LORD, who spoke unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul;
2And he said:
I love thee, O LORD, my strength.
3The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
My God, my rock, in Him I take refuge;
My shield, and my horn of salvation, my high tower.
4Praised, I cry, is the LORD,
And I am saved from mine enemies.

5The cords of Death compassed me,
And the floods of [a]Belial assailed me.
6The cords of [a]Sheol surrounded me;
The snares of Death confronted me.
7In my distress I called upon the Lord,
And cried unto my God;
Out of His temple He heard my voice,
And my cry came before Him unto His ears.

8Then the earth did shake and quake,
The foundations also of the mountains did tremble;
They were shaken, because He was wroth.
9Smoke arose up in His nostrils,
And fire out of His mouth did devour;
Coals flamed forth from Him.
10He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under His feet.
11And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly;
Yea, He did swoop down upon the wings of the wind.
12He made darkness His hiding-place, His pavilion round about Him;
Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
13At the brightness before Him, there passed through His thick clouds
Hailstones and coals of fire.
14The Lord also thundered in the heavens,
And the Most High gave forth His voice;
Hailstones and coals of fire.
15And He sent out His arrows, and scattered them;
And He shot forth lightnings, and discomfited them.
16And the channels of waters appeared,
And the foundations of the world were laid bare,
At Thy rebuke, O Lord,
At the blast of the breath of Thy nostrils.

17He sent from on high, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters.
18He delivered me from mine enemy most strong,
And from them that hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
19They confronted me in the day of my calamity;
But the Lord was a stay unto me.
20He brought me forth also into a large place;
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.
21The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

[a] That is, *the nether-world.*

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
23 For all His ordinances were before me,
And I put not away His statutes from me.
24 And I was single-hearted with Him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
25 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in His eyes.
26 With the merciful Thou dost show Thyself merciful,
With the upright man Thou dost show Thyself upright;
27 With the pure Thou dost show Thyself pure;
And with the crooked Thou dost show Thyself subtle.
28 For Thou dost save the afflicted people;
But the haughty eyes Thou dost humble.

29 For Thou dost light my lamp;
The LORD my God doth lighten my darkness.
30 For by Thee I run upon a troop;
And by my God do I scale a wall.
31 As for God, His way is perfect;
The word of the LORD is tried;
He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in Him.
32 For who is God, save the LORD?
And who is a Rock, except our God?
33 The God that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way straight;
34 Who maketh my feet like hinds',
And setteth me upon my high places;
35 Who traineth my hands for war,
So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.
36 Thou hast also given me Thy shield of salvation,
And Thy right hand hath holden me up;
And Thy condescension hath made me great.
37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
And my feet have not slipped.

38 I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them;
Neither did I turn back till they were consumed.
39 I have smitten them through, so that they are not able to rise;
They are fallen under my feet.
40 For Thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle;
Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.
41 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me,
And I did cut off them that hate me.
42 They cried, but there was none to save;

Even unto the LORD, but He answered them not.
43Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind;
I did cast them out as the mire of the streets.
44Thou hast delivered me from the contentions of the people;
Thou hast made me the head of the nations;
A people whom I have not known serve me.
45As soon as they hear of me, they obey me;
The sons of the stranger dwindle away before me.
46The sons of the stranger fade away,
And come trembling out of their close places.

47The LORD liveth, and blessed be my Rock;
And exalted be the God of my salvation;
48Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,
And subdueth peoples under me.
49He delivereth me from mine enemies;
Yea, Thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me;
Thou deliverest me from the violent man.
50Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the nations,
And will sing praises unto Thy name.
51Great salvation giveth He to His king;
And showeth mercy to His anointed,
To David and to his seed, for evermore.

## 19

For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament showeth His handiwork;
3Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night revealeth knowledge;
4There is no speech, there are no words,
Neither is their voice heard.
5Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath He set a tent for the sun,
6Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.
7His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it;
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

8The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

9The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is
pure, enlightening the eyes.
10The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for ever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
they are righteous altogether;
11More to be desired are they than
gold, yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the
honeycomb.
12Moreover by them is Thy servant
warned;
In keeping of them there is great
reward.
13Who can discern his errors?
Clear Thou me from hidden faults.
14Keep back Thy servant also from
presumptuous sins,
That they may not have dominion
over me; then shall I be faultless,
And I shall be clear from great
transgression.
15Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be
acceptable before Thee,
O LORD, my Rock, and my
Redeemer.

## 20 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2The LORD answer thee in the day of
trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob set
thee up on high;
3Send forth thy help from the
sanctuary,
And support thee out of Zion;
4Receive the memorial of all thy
meal-offerings,
And accept the fat of thy burnt-
sacrifice; Selah
5Grant thee according to thine own
heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
6We will shout for joy in thy
victory,
And in the name of our God we will
set up our standards;
The LORD fulfil all thy petitions.

7Now know I that the LORD saveth
His anointed;
He will answer him from His holy
heaven
With the mighty acts of His saving
right hand.
8Some trust in chariots, and some in
horses;
But we will make mention of the
name of the LORD our God.
9They are bowed down and fallen;
But we are risen, and stand upright.
10Save, LORD;
Let the King answer us in the day
that we call.

## 21 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2O LORD, in Thy strength the king
rejoiceth;
And in Thy salvation how greatly
doth he exult!
3Thou hast given him his heart's
desire,

And the request of his lips Thou
hast not withholden. Selah
4For Thou meetest him with
choicest blessings;
Thou settest a crown of fine gold on
his head.
5He asked life of Thee, Thou gavest
it him;
Even length of days for ever and
ever.
6His glory is great through Thy
salvation;
Honour and majesty dost Thou lay
upon him.
7For Thou makest him most blessed
for ever;
Thou makest him glad with joy in
Thy presence.
8For the king trusteth in the LORD,
Yea, in the mercy of the Most High;
he shall not be moved.

9Thy hand shall be equal to all thine
enemies;
Thy right hand shall overtake those
that hate thee.
10Thou shalt make them as a fiery
furnace in the time of thine anger;
The LORD shall swallow them up in
His wrath,
And the fire shall devour them.
11Their fruit shalt thou destroy from
the earth,
And their seed from among the
children of men.
12For they intended evil against thee,
They imagined a device, wherewith
they shall not prevail.
13For thou shalt make them turn
their back,
Thou shalt make ready with thy
bowstrings against the face of
them.

14Be Thou exalted, O LORD, in Thy
strength;
So will we sing and praise Thy
power.

## 22

For the Leader; upon Aijeleth ha-Shahar. A Psalm of David.

2My God, my God, why hast Thou
forsaken me,
And art far from my help at the
words of my cry?
3O my God, I call by day, but Thou
answerest not;
And at night, and there is no
surcease for me.
4Yet Thou art holy,
O Thou that art enthroned upon the
praises of Israel.
5In Thee did our fathers trust;
They trusted, and Thou didst deliver
them.
6Unto Thee they cried, and escaped;
In Thee did they trust, and were not
ashamed.
7But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised of
the people.
8All they that see me laugh me to
scorn;
They shoot out the lip, they shake
the head:

9'Let him commit himself unto the LORD! let Him rescue him;
Let Him deliver him, seeing He delighteth in him.'

10For Thou art He that took me out of the womb;
Thou madest me trust when I was upon my mother's breasts.
11Upon Thee I have been cast from my birth;
Thou art my God from my mother's womb.
12Be not far from me; for trouble is near;
For there is none to help.
13Many bulls have encompassed me;
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
14They open wide their mouth against me,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.
15I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint;
My heart is become like wax;
It is melted in mine inmost parts.
16My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
And my tongue cleaveth to my throat;
And Thou layest me in the dust of death.
17For dogs have encompassed me;
A company of evil-doers have inclosed me;
Like a lion, they are at my hands and my feet.
18I may count all my bones;
They look and gloat over me.
19They part my garments among them,
And for my vesture do they cast lots.
20But Thou, O LORD, be not far off;
O Thou my strength, hasten to help me.
21Deliver my soul from the sword;
Mine only one from the power of the dog.
22Save me from the lion's mouth;
Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen do Thou answer me.

23I will declare Thy name unto my brethren;
In the midst of the congregation will I praise Thee.
24'Ye that fear the LORD, praise Him;
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify Him;
And stand in awe of Him, all ye the seed of Israel.
25For He hath not despised nor abhorred the lowliness of the poor;
Neither hath He hid His face from him;
But when he cried unto Him, He heard.'
26From Thee cometh my praise in the great congregation;
I will pay my vows before them that fear Him.
27Let the humble eat and be satisfied;
Let them praise the LORD that seek after Him;

May your heart be quickened for
ever!
28 All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn unto the LORD;
And all the kindreds of the nations
shall worship before Thee.
29 For the kingdom is the LORD'S;
And He is the ruler over the nations.
30 All the fat ones of the earth shall
eat and worship;
All they that go down to the dust
shall kneel before Him,
Even he that cannot keep his soul
alive.
31 A seed shall serve him;
It shall be told of the Lord unto the
next generation.
32 They shall come and shall declare
His righteousness
Unto a people that shall be born,
that He hath done it.

## 23 A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not
want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still
waters.
3 He restoreth my soul;
He guideth me in straight paths for
His name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with
me;
Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort
me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies;
Thou hast anointed my head with
oil; my cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the
LORD for ever.

## 24 A Psalm of David.

The earth is the LORD'S, and the
fulness thereof;
The world, and they that dwell
therein.
2 For He hath founded it upon the
seas,
And established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the mountain
of the LORD?
And who shall stand in His holy
place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a
pure heart;
Who hath not taken My name in
vain,
And hath not sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive a blessing from the
LORD,
And righteousness from the God of
his salvation.
6 Such is the generation of them that
seek after Him,
That seek Thy face, even Jacob.
Selah

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting
doors;

That the King of glory may come in.
8'Who is the King of glory?'
'The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.'
9Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
Yea, lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
That the King of glory may come in.
10'Who then is the King of glory?'
'The Lord of hosts;
He is the King of glory.' Selah

# 25 [A Psalm] of David.

א Unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
ב 2O my God, in Thee have I trusted, let me not be ashamed;
Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
ג 3Yea, none that wait for Thee shall be ashamed;
They shall be ashamed that deal treacherously without cause.
ד 4Show me Thy ways, O Lord; teach me Thy paths.
הו 5Guide me in Thy truth, and teach me;
For Thou art the God of my salvation;
For Thee do I wait all the day.
ז 6Remember, O Lord, Thy compassions and Thy mercies;
For they have been from of old.
ח 7Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;
According to Thy mercy remember Thou me,
For Thy goodness' sake, O Lord.
ט 8Good and upright is the Lord;
Therefore doth He instruct sinners in the way.
י 9He guideth The humble in justice;
And He teacheth the humble His way.
כ 10All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth
Unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.
ל 11For Thy name's sake, O Lord,
Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.
מ 12What man is he that feareth the Lord?
Him will He instruct in the way that He should choose.
נ 13His soul shall abide in prosperity;
And his seed shall inherit the land.
ס 14The counsel of the Lord is with them that fear Him;
And His covenant, to make them know it.
ע 15Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord;
For He will bring forth my feet out of the net.
פ 16Turn Thee unto me, and be gracious unto me;
For I am solitary and afflicted.
צ 17The troubles of my heart are enlarged;
O bring Thou me out of my distresses.
ר 18See mine affliction and my travail;
And forgive all my sins.
19Consider how many are mine enemies,
And the cruel hatred wherewith they hate me.

ש 20O keep my soul, and deliver me;
Let me not be ashamed, for I have taken refuge in Thee.
ת 21Let integrity and uprightness preserve me,
Because I wait for Thee.

22Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

## 26 [A Psalm] of David.

Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked in mine integrity,
And I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
2Examine me, O LORD, and try me;
Test my reins and my heart.
3For Thy mercy is before mine eyes;
And I have walked in Thy truth.
4I have not sat with men of falsehood;
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5I hate the gathering of evil doers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
6I will wash my hands in innocency;
So will I compass Thine altar, O LORD,
7That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard,
And tell of all Thy wondrous works.

8LORD, I love the habitation of Thy house,
And the place where Thy glory dwelleth.
9Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of blood;
10In whose hands is craftiness,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity;
Redeem me, and be gracious unto me.
12My foot standeth in an even place;
In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

## 27 [A Psalm] of David.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3Though a host should encamp against me,
My heart shall not fear;
Though war should rise up against me,
Even then will I be confident.

4One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold the graciousness of the LORD, and to visit early in His temple.
5For He concealeth me in His pavilion in the day of evil;
He hideth me in the covert of His tent;
He lifteth me up upon a rock.

6 And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me;
And I will offer in His tabernacle sacrifices with trumpet-sound;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I call with my voice,
And be gracious unto me, and answer me.
8 In Thy behalf my heart hath said: ‘Seek ye My face';
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
9 Hide not Thy face far from me;
Put not Thy servant away in anger;
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 For though my father and my mother have forsaken me,
The LORD will take me up.

11 Teach me Thy way, O LORD;
And lead me in an even path,
Because of them that lie in wait for me.
12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine adversaries;
For false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out violence.
13 If I had not believed to look upon the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living!—
14 Wait on the LORD;
Be strong, and let thy heart take courage;
Yea, wait thou for the LORD.

# 28 [A Psalm] of David.

Unto thee, O LORD, do I call;
My Rock, be not Thou deaf unto me;
Lest, if Thou be silent unto me,
I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto Thee,
When I lift up my hands toward Thy holy Sanctuary.

3 Draw me not away with the wicked,
And with the workers of iniquity;
Who speak peace with their neighbours,
But evil is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their deeds, and according to the evil of their endeavours;
Give them after the work of their hands;
Render to them their desert.
5 Because they give no heed to the works of the LORD,
Nor to the operation of His hands;
He will break them down and not build them up.

6 Blessed be the LORD,
Because He hath heard the voice of my supplications.
7 The LORD is my strength and my shield,
In Him hath my heart trusted,

And I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth,
And with my song will I praise Him.

8The LORD is a strength unto them;
And He is a stronghold of salvation to His anointed.
9Save Thy people, and bless Thine inheritance;
And tend them, and carry them for ever.

## 29

A Psalm of David.

Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye sons of might,
Ascribe unto the LORD glory and strength.
2Ascribe unto the LORD the glory due unto His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
The God of glory thundereth,
Even the LORD upon many waters.
4The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
6He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.
7The voice of the LORD heweth out flames of fire.
8The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness;
The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve,
And strippeth the forests bare;
And in His temple all say: 'Glory.'

10The LORD sat enthroned at the flood;
Yea, the LORD sitteth as King for ever.
11The LORD will give strength unto His people;
The LORD will bless his people with peace.

## 30

A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House; of David.

2I will extol thee, O LORD, for Thou hast raised me up,
And hast not suffered mine enemies to rejoice over me.
3O LORD my God,
I cried unto Thee, and Thou didst heal me;
4O LORD, Thou broughtest up my soul from the nether-world;
Thou didst kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.
5Sing praise unto the LORD, O ye His godly ones,
And give thanks to His holy name.
6For His anger is but for a moment,

His favour is for a life-time;
Weeping may tarry for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning.

7Now I had said in my security: '
I shall never be moved.'
8Thou hadst established, O LORD, in Thy favour my mountain as a stronghold—
Thou didst hide Thy face; I was affrighted.
9Unto Thee, O LORD, did I call,
And unto the LORD I made supplication:
10'What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise Thee? shall it declare Thy truth?
11Hear, O LORD, and be gracious unto me;
LORD, be Thou my helper.'

12Thou didst turn for me my mourning into dancing;
Thou didst loose my sackcloth, and gird me with gladness;
13So that my glory may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent;
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

# 31

For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2In thee, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Thy righteousness.
3Incline Thine ear unto me, deliver me speedily;
Be Thou to me a rock of refuge, even a fortress of defence, to save me.
4For Thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for Thy name's sake lead me and guide me.
5Bring me forth out of the net that they have hidden for me;
For Thou art my stronghold.
6Into Thy hand I commit my spirit;
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, Thou God of truth.
7I hate them that regard lying vanities;
But I trust in the LORD.
8I will be glad and rejoice in Thy lovingkindness;
For Thou hast seen mine affliction,
Thou hast taken cognizance of the troubles of my soul,
9And Thou hast not given me over into the hand of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a broad place.

10Be gracious unto me, O LORD, for I am in distress;
Mine eye wasteth away with vexation, yea, my soul and my body.
11For my life is spent in sorrow, and my years in sighing;
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are wasted away.
12Because of all mine adversaries I am become a reproach,

Yea, unto my neighbours
exceedingly, and a dread to mine
acquaintance;
They that see me without flee from
me.
[13]I am forgotten as a dead man out
of mind;
I am like a useless vessel.
[14]For I have heard the whispering of
many,
Terror on every side;
While they took counsel together
against me,
They devised to take away my life.

[15]But as for me, I have trusted in
Thee, O Lord;
I have said: 'Thou art my God.'
[16]My times are in Thy hand;
Deliver me from the hand of mine
enemies, and from them that
persecute me.
[17]Make Thy face to shine upon Thy
servant;
Save me in Thy lovingkindness.
[18]O Lord, let me not be ashamed,
for I have called upon Thee;
Let the wicked be ashamed, let them
be put to silence in the nether-
world.
[19]Let the lying lips be dumb,
Which speak arrogantly against the
righteous,
With pride and contempt.

[20]Oh how abundant is Thy
goodness, which Thou hast laid
up for them that fear Thee;
Which Thou hast wrought for them
that take their refuge in Thee, in
the sight of the sons of men!
[21]Thou hidest them in the covert of
Thy presence from the plottings
of man;
Thou concealest them in a pavilion
from the strife of tongues.
[22]Blessed be the Lord;
For He hath shown me His
wondrous lovingkindness in an
entrenched city.
[23]As for me, I said in my haste: 'I am
cut off from before Thine eyes';
Nevertheless Thou heardest the
voice of my supplications when I
cried unto Thee.

[24]O love the Lord, all ye His godly
ones;
The Lord preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully repayeth him that
acteth haughtily.
[25]Be strong, and let your heart take
courage,
All ye that wait for the Lord.

32 [A Psalm] of David. Maschil.

Happy is he whose transgression is
forgiven, whose sin is pardoned.
[2]Happy is the man unto whom the
Lord counteth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no
guile.

[3]When I kept silence, my bones
wore away

Through my groaning all the day long.
[4]For day and night Thy hand was heavy upon me;
My sap was turned as in the droughts of summer. Selah
[5]I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid;
I said: 'I will make confession concerning my transgressions unto the LORD' —
And Thou, Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah

[6]For this let every one that is godly pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found;
Surely, when the great waters overflow, they will not reach unto him.
[7]Thou art my hiding-place; Thou wilt preserve me from the adversary;
With songs of deliverance Thou wilt compass me about. Selah
[8]'I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go;
I will give counsel, Mine eye being upon thee.'
[9]Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding;
Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle,
That they come not near unto thee.

[10]Many are the sorrows of the wicked;
But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy compasseth him about.
[11]Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous;
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

# 33

Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous,
Praise is comely for the upright.
[2]Give thanks unto the LORD with harp,
Sing praises unto Him with the psaltery of ten strings.
[3]Sing unto Him a new song;
Play skilfully amid shouts of joy.

[4]For the word of the LORD is upright;
And all His work is done in faithfulness.
[5]He loveth righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.
[6]By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
[7]He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.
[8]Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
[9]For He spoke, and it was;
He commanded, and it stood.
[10]The LORD bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought;

He maketh the thoughts of the
peoples to be of no effect.
11 The counsel of the LORD standeth
for ever,
The thoughts of His heart to all
generations.

12 Happy is the nation whose God is
the LORD;
The people whom He hath chosen
for His own inheritance.
13 The LORD looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men;
14 From the place of His habitation
He looketh intently
Upon all the inhabitants of the earth;
15 He that fashioneth the hearts of
them all,
That considereth all their doings.
16 A king is not saved by the
multitude of a host;
A mighty man is not delivered by
great strength.
17 A horse is a vain thing for safety;
Neither doth it afford escape by its
great strength.
18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is
toward them that fear Him,
Toward them that wait for His
mercy;
19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul hath waited for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
21 For in Him doth our heart rejoice,
Because we have trusted in His holy
name.
22 Let Thy mercy, O LORD, be upon
us,
According as we have waited for
Thee.

34 [A Psalm] of David; when he changed his demeanour before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

א 2 I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my
mouth.
ב 3 My soul shall glory in the LORD;
The humble shall hear thereof,
and be glad.
ג 4 O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt His name together.
ד 5 I sought the LORD, and He answered
me,
And delivered me from all my
fears.
ה 6 They looked unto Him, and were
radiant;
ו And their faces shall never be
abashed.
ז 7 This poor man cried, and the
LORD heard,
And saved him out of all his
troubles.
ח 8 The angel of the LORD encampeth
round about them that fear Him,
And delivereth them.
ט 9 O consider and see that the LORD is
good;
Happy is the man that taketh refuge
in Him.
י 10 O fear the LORD, ye His holy ones;

For there is no want to them that
fear Him.
כ [11]The young lions do lack, and
suffer hunger;
But they that seek the LORD want not
any good thing.
ל [12]Come, ye children, hearken unto
me;
I will teach you the fear of the
LORD.
מ [13]Who is the man that desireth life,
and loveth days,
That he may see good therein?
נ [14]Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
ס [15]Depart from evil, and do good;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
ע [16]The eyes of the LORD are toward
the righteous,
And His ears are open unto their
cry.
פ [17]The face of the LORD is against
them that do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them
from the earth.
צ [18] [a]They cried, and the LORD heard,
And delivered them out of all their
troubles.
ק [19]The LORD is nigh unto them that
are of a broken heart,
And saveth such as are of a contrite
spirit.
ר [20]Many are the ills of the righteous,
But the LORD delivereth him out of
them all.
ש [21]He keepeth all his bones;
Not one of them is broken.

[a] That is, *the righteous*.

ת [22]Evil shall kill the wicked;
And they that hate the righteous
shall be held guilty.

[23]The LORD redeemeth the soul of
His servants;
And none of them that take refuge
in Him shall be desolate.

# 35 [A Psalm] of David.

Strive, O LORD, with them that strive
with me;
Fight against them that fight against
me.
[2]Take hold of shield and buckler,
And rise up to my help.
[3]Draw out also the spear, and the
battle-axe, against them that
pursue me;
Say unto my soul: 'I am Thy
salvation.'
[4]Let them be ashamed and brought
to confusion that seek after my
soul;
Let them be turned back and be
abashed that devise my hurt.
[5]Let them be as chaff before the
wind,
The angel of the LORD thrusting
them.
[6]Let their way be dark and slippery,
The angel of the LORD pursuing
them.
[7]For without cause have they hid for
me the pit, even their net,
Without cause have they digged for
my soul.

[8]Let destruction come upon him
unawares;
And let his net that he hath hid catch
himself;
With destruction let him fall therein.
[9]And my soul shall be joyful in the
LORD;
It shall rejoice in His salvation.
[10]All my bones shall say: 'LORD, who
is like unto Thee,
Who deliverest the poor from him
that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from
him that spoileth him?'

[11]Unrighteous witnesses rise up;
They ask me of things that I know
not.
[12]They repay me evil for good;
Bereavement is come to my soul.
[13]But as for me, when they were
sick, my clothing was sackcloth,
I afflicted my soul with fasting;
And my prayer, may it return into
mine own bosom.
[14]I went about as though it had been
my friend or my brother;
I bowed down mournful, as one that
mourneth for his mother.
[15]But when I halt they rejoice, and
gather themselves together;
The abjects gather themselves
together against me, and those
whom I know not;
They tear me, and cease not;
[16]With the profanest mockeries of
backbiting
They gnash at me with their teeth.
[17]Lord, how long wilt Thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their
destructions,
Mine only one from the lions.
[18]I will give Thee thanks in the great
congregation;
I will praise Thee among a
numerous people.
[19]Let not them that are wrongfully
mine enemies rejoice over me;
Neither let them wink with the eye
that hate me without a cause.
[20]For they speak not peace;
But they devise deceitful matters
against them that are quiet in the
land.
[21]Yea, they open their mouth wide
against me;
They say: 'Aha, aha, our eye hath
seen it.'
[22]Thou hast seen, O LORD; keep not
silence;
O Lord, be not far from me.
[23]Rouse Thee, and awake to my
judgment,
Even unto my cause, my God and
my Lord.
[24]Judge me, O LORD my God,
according to Thy righteousness;
And let them not rejoice over me.
[25]Let them not say in their heart:
'Aha, we have our desire';
Let them not say: 'We have
swallowed him up.'
[26]Let them be ashamed and abashed
together that rejoice at my hurt;
Let them be clothed with shame and
confusion that magnify
themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that delight in my righteousness;
Yea, let them say continually: 'Magnified be the LORD,
Who delighteth in the peace of His servant.'
28 And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness,
And of Thy praise all the day.

# 36

For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David the servant of the LORD.

2 Transgression speaketh to the wicked, methinks—
There is no fear of God before his eyes.
3 For it flattereth him in his eyes,
Until his iniquity be found, and he be hated.
4 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit;
He hath left off to be wise, to do good.
5 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed;
He setteth himself in a way that is not good;
He abhorreth not evil.

6 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, is in the heavens;
Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.
7 Thy righteousness is like the mighty mountains;
Thy judgments are like the great deep;
Man and beast Thou preservest, O LORD.
8 How precious is Thy lovingkindness, O God!
And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Thy wings.
9 They are abundantly satisfied with the fatness of Thy house;
And Thou makest them drink of the river of Thy pleasures.
10 For with Thee is the fountain of life;
In Thy light do we see light.

11 O continue Thy lovingkindness unto them that know Thee;
And Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
12 Let not the foot of pride overtake me,
And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.
13 There are the workers of iniquity fallen;
They are thrust down, and are not able to rise.

# 37

[A Psalm] of David.

א Fret not thyself because of evil-doers,
Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.
2 For they shall soon wither like the grass,
And fade as the green herb.

ב 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;

Dwell in the land, and cherish
faithfulness.
[4]So shalt thou delight thyself in the
Lord;
And He shall give thee the petitions
of thy heart.

ג [5]Commit thy way unto the Lord;
Trust also in Him, and He will bring
it to pass.
[6]And He will make thy righteous-
ness to go forth as the light,
And thy right as the noonday.

ד [7]Resign thyself unto the Lord, and
wait patiently for Him;
Fret not thyself because of him who
prospereth in his way,
Because of the man who bringeth
wicked devices to pass.

ה [8]Cease from anger, and forsake
wrath;
Fret not thyself, it tendeth only to
evil-doing.
[9]For evil-doers shall be cut off;
But those that wait for the Lord,
they shall inherit the land.

ו [10]And yet a little while, and the
wicked is no more;
Yea, thou shalt look well at his
place, and he is not.
[11]But the humble shall inherit the
land,
And delight themselves in the
abundance of peace.

ז [12]The wicked plotteth against the
righteous,
And gnasheth at him with his teeth.
[13]The Lord doth laugh at him;
For He seeth that his day is coming.

ח [14]The wicked have drawn out the
sword, and have bent their bow;
To cast down the poor and needy,
To slay such as are upright in the
way;
[15]Their sword shall enter into their
own heart,
And their bows shall be broken.

ט [16]Better is a little that the righteous
hath
Than the abundance of many
wicked.
[17]For the arms of the wicked shall be
broken;
But the Lord upholdeth the
righteous.

י [18]The Lord knoweth the days of
them that are wholehearted;
And their inheritance shall be for
ever.
[19]They shall not be ashamed in the
time of evil;
And in the days of famine they shall
be satisfied.

כ [20]For the wicked shall perish,
And the enemies of the Lord shall
be as the fat of lambs—
They shall pass away in smoke, they
shall pass away.

ל [21]The wicked borroweth, and payeth not;
But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.
[22]For such as are blessed of Him shall inherit the land;
And they that are cursed of Him shall be cut off.

מ [23]It is of the LORD that a man's goings are established;
And He delighted in his way.
[24]Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For the LORD upholdeth his hand.

נ [25]I have been young, and now am old;
Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
Nor his seed begging bread.
[26]All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth;
And his seed is blessed.

ס [27]Depart from evil, and do good;
And dwell for evermore.
[28]For the LORD loveth justice,
And forsaketh not His saints;
They are preserved for ever;
But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
[29]The righteous shall inherit the land,
And dwell therein for ever.

פ [30]The mouth of the righteous uttereth wisdom,
And his tongue speaketh justice.
[31]The law of his God is in his heart;
None of his steps slide.

צ [32]The wicked watcheth the righteous,
And seeketh to slay him.
[33]The LORD will not leave him in his hand,
Nor suffer him to be condemned when he is judged.

ק [34]Wait for the LORD, and keep His way,
And He will exalt thee to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

ר [35]I have seen the wicked in great power,
And spreading himself like a leafy tree in its native soil.
[36]But one passed by, and, lo, he was not;
Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

ש [37]Mark the man of integrity, and behold the upright;
For there is a future for the man of peace.
[38]But transgressors shall be destroyed together;
The future of the wicked shall be cut off.

ת [39]But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD;

He is their stronghold in the time of trouble.
40 And the LORD helpeth them, and delivereth them;
He delivereth them from the wicked, and saveth them,
Because they have taken refuge in Him.

## 38 A Psalm of David, to make memorial.

2 O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine anger;
Neither chasten me in Thy wrath.
3 For Thine arrows are gone deep into me,
And Thy hand is come down upon me.
4 There is no soundness in my flesh because of Thine indignation;
Neither is there any health in my bones because of my sin.
5 For mine iniquities are gone over my head;
As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
6 My wounds are noisome, they fester,
Because of my foolishness.
7 I am bent and bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day.
8 For my loins are filled with burning;
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
9 I am benumbed and sore crushed;
I groan by reason of the moaning of my heart.
10 Lord, all my desire is before Thee;
And my sighing is not hid from Thee.
11 My heart fluttereth, my strength faileth me;
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
12 My friends and my companions stand aloof from my plague;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
13 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;
And they that seek my hurt speak crafty devices,
And utter deceits all the day.
14 But I am as a deaf man, I hear not;
And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
15 Yea, I am become as a man that heareth not,
And in whose mouth are no arguments.

16 For in Thee, O LORD, do I hope;
Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.
17 For I said: 'Lest they rejoice over me;
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.'
18 For I am ready to halt,
And my pain is continually before me.
19 For I do declare mine iniquity;
I am full of care because of my sin.
20 But mine enemies are strong in health;
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

21 They also that repay evil for good
Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing that is good.
22 Forsake me not, O LORD;
O my God, be not far from me.
23 Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation.

## 39 For the Leader, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

2 I said: 'I will take heed to my ways,
That I sin not with my tongue;
I will keep a curb upon my mouth,
While the wicked is before me.'
3 I was dumb with silence; I held my peace, had no comfort;
And my pain was held in check.
4 My heart waxed hot within me;
While I was musing, the fire kindled;
Then spoke I with my tongue:

5 'LORD, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
Let me know how short-lived I am.
6 Behold, Thou hast made my days as hand-breadths;
And mine age is as nothing before Thee;
Surely every man at his best estate is altogether vanity. Selah
7 Surely man walketh as a mere semblance;
Surely for vanity they are in turmoil;
He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
8 And now, Lord, what wait I for?
My hope, it is in Thee.
9 Deliver me from all my transgressions;
Make me not the reproach of the base.
10 I am dumb, I open not my mouth;
Because Thou hast done it.
11 Remove Thy stroke from off me;
I am consumed by the blow of Thy hand.
12 With rebukes dost Thou chasten man for iniquity,
And like a moth Thou makest his beauty to consume away;
Surely every man is vanity. Selah

13 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry;
Keep not silence at my tears;
For I am a stranger with Thee,
A sojourner, as all my fathers were.
14 Look away from me, that I may take comfort,
Before I go hence, and be no more.'

## 40 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2 I waited patiently for the LORD;
And He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
3 He brought me up also out of the tumultuous pit, out of the miry clay;
And He set my feet upon a rock, He established my goings.
4 And He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God;

Many shall see, and fear,
And shall trust in the LORD.

5 Happy is the man that hath made the LORD his trust,
And hath not turned unto the arrogant, nor unto such as fall away treacherously.
6 Many things hast Thou done, O LORD my God,
Even Thy wonderful works, and Thy thoughts toward us;
There is none to be compared unto Thee!
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be told.
7 Sacrifice and meal-offering Thou hast no delight in;
Mine ears hast Thou opened;
Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast Thou not required.
8 Then said I: 'Lo, I am come
With the roll of a book which is prescribed for me;
9 I delight to do Thy will, O my God;
Yea, Thy law is in my inmost parts.'
10 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation,
Lo, I did not refrain my lips;
O LORD, Thou knowest.
11 I have not hid Thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared Thy faithfulness and Thy salvation;
I have not concealed Thy mercy and Thy truth from the great congregation.
12 Thou, O LORD, wilt not withhold Thy compassions from me;
Let Thy mercy and Thy truth continually preserve me.

13 For innumerable evils have compassed me about,
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;
They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.
14 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
15 Let them be ashamed and abashed together
That seek after my soul to sweep it away;
Let them be turned backward and brought to confusion
That delight in my hurt.
16 Let them be appalled by reason of their shame
That say unto me: 'Aha, aha.'
17 Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;
Let such as love Thy salvation say continually:
'The LORD be magnified.'
18 But, as for me, that am poor and needy,
The Lord will account it unto me;
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O my God, tarry not.

## 41

For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2 Happy is he that considereth the poor;
The LORD will deliver him in the day of evil.
3 The LORD preserve him, and keep him alive, let him be called happy in the land;
And deliver not Thou him unto the greed of his enemies.
4 The LORD support him upon the bed of illness;
Mayest Thou turn all his lying down in his sickness.

5 As for me, I said: 'O LORD, be gracious unto me;
Heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.'
6 Mine enemies speak evil of me:
'When shall he die, and his name perish?'
7 And if one come to see me, he speaketh falsehood;
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself;
When he goeth abroad, he speaketh of it.
8 All that hate me whisper together against me,
Against me do they devise my hurt:
9 'An evil thing cleaveth fast unto him;
And now that he lieth, he shall rise up no more.'
10 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, who did eat of my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.
11 But Thou, O LORD, be gracious unto me, and raise me up,
That I may requite them.
12 By this I know that Thou delightest in me,
That mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
13 And as for me, Thou upholdest me because of mine integrity,
And settest me before Thy face for ever.
14 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting and to everlasting.
Amen, and Amen.

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# BOOK II

## 42

For the Leader; Maschil of the sons of Korah.

2 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after Thee, O God.
3 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:
'When shall I come and appear before God?'
4 My tears have been my food day and night,
While they say unto me all the day: 'Where is Thy God?'
5 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,

How I passed on with the throng,
and led them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise, a
multitude keeping holyday.
6Why art thou cast down, O my
soul?
And why moanest thou within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet
praise Him
For the salvation of His
countenance.

7O my God, my soul is cast down
within me;
Therefore do I remember Thee from
the land of Jordan,
And the Hermons, from the hill
Mizar.
8Deep calleth unto deep at the voice
of Thy cataracts;
All Thy waves and Thy billows are
gone over me.
9By day the LORD will command His
lovingkindness,
And in the night His song shall be
with me,
Even a prayer unto the God of my
life.
10I will say unto God my Rock:
'Why hast Thou forgotten me?
Why go I mourning under the
oppression of the enemy?'
11As with a crushing in my bones,
mine adversaries taunt me;
While they say unto me all the day:
'Where is Thy God?'
12Why art thou cast down, O my
soul?
And why moanest thou within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet
praise Him,
The salvation of my countenance,
and my God.

43 Be Thou my judge, O God,
and plead my cause against
an ungodly nation;
O deliver me from the deceitful and
unjust man.
2For Thou art the God of my
strength; why hast Thou cast me
off?
Why go I mourning under the
oppression of the enemy?
3O send out Thy light and Thy truth;
let them lead me;
Let them bring me unto Thy holy
mountain, and to Thy dwelling-
places.
4Then will I go unto the altar of
God, unto God, my exceeding
joy;
And praise Thee upon the harp, O
God, my God.
5Why art thou cast down, O my
soul?
And why moanest thou within me?
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet
praise Him,
The salvation of my countenance,
and my God.

44 For the Leader; [a Psalm] of
the sons of Korah. Maschil.

2O God, we have heard with our
ears, our fathers have told us;

A work Thou didst in their days, in
the days of old.
3Thou with Thy hand didst drive out
the nations, and didst plant them
in;
Thou didst break the peoples, and
didst spread them abroad.
4For not by their own sword did
they get the land in possession,
Neither did their own arm save
them;
But Thy right hand, and Thine arm,
and the light of Thy countenance,
Because Thou wast favourable unto
them.

5Thou art my King, O God;
Command the salvation of Jacob.
6Through Thee do we push down
our adversaries;
Through Thy name do we tread
them under that rise up against us.
7For I trust not in my bow,
Neither can my sword save me.
8But Thou hast saved us from our
adversaries,
And hast put them to shame that
hate us.
9In God have we gloried all the day,
And we will give thanks unto Thy
name for ever. Selah

10Yet Thou hast cast off, and
brought us to confusion;
And goest not forth with our hosts.
11Thou makest us to turn back from
the adversary;
And they that hate us spoil at their
will.
12Thou hast given us like sheep to be
eaten;
And hast scattered us among the
nations.
13Thou sellest Thy people for small
gain,
And hast not set their prices high.
14Thou makest us a taunt to our
neighbours,
A scorn and a derision to them that
are round about us.
15Thou makest us a byword among
the nations,
A shaking of the head among the
peoples.
16All the day is my confusion before
me,
And the shame of my face hath
covered me,
17For the voice of him that taunteth
and blasphemeth;
By reason of the enemy and the
revengeful.

18All this is come upon us; yet have
we not forgotten Thee,
Neither have we been false to Thy
covenant.
19Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined
from Thy path;
20Though Thou hast crushed us into
a place of jackals,
And covered us with the shadow of
death.
21If we had forgotten the name of
our God,
Or spread forth our hands to a
strange god;

22 Would not God search this out?
For He knoweth the secrets of the heart.
23 Nay, but for Thy sake are we killed all the day;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

24 Awake, why sleepest Thou, O Lord?
Arouse Thyself, cast not off for ever.
25 Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
26 For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
27 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for Thy mercy's sake.

45 For the Leader; upon Shoshannim; [a Psalm] of the sons of Korah. Maschil. A Song of loves.

2 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter;
I say: 'My work is concerning a king';
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

3 Thou art fairer than the children of men;
Grace is poured upon thy lips;
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
4 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.
5 And in thy majesty prosper, ride on,
In behalf of truth and meekness and righteousness;
And let thy right hand teach thee tremendous things.
6 Thine arrows are sharp—
The peoples fall under thee—
[They sink] into the heart of the king's enemies.
7 Thy throne given of God is for ever and ever;
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
8 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
9 Myrrh, and aloes, and cassia are all thy garments;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
10 Kings' daughters are among thy favourites;
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
11 'Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
12 So shall the king desire thy beauty;
For he is thy lord; and do homage unto him.

13 And, O daughter of Tyre, the richest of the people
Shall entreat thy favour with a gift.'
14 All glorious is the king's daughter within the palace;
Her raiment is of chequer work inwrought with gold.
15 She shall be led unto the king on richly woven stuff;
The virgins her companions in her train being brought unto thee.
16 They shall be led with gladness and rejoicing;
They shall enter into the king's palace.
17 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy sons,
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the land.
18 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations;
Therefore shall the peoples praise thee for ever and ever.

46 For the Leader; [a Psalm] of the sons of Korah; upon Alamoth. A Song.

2 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
3 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be moved into the heart of the seas;
4 Though the waters thereof roar and foam,
Though the mountains shake at the swelling thereof. Selah
5 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
The holiest dwelling-place of the Most High.
6 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
God shall help her, at the approach of morning.
7 Nations were in tumult, kingdoms were moved;
He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
8 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our high tower. Selah

9 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
Who hath made desolations in the earth.
10 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.
11 'Let be, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.'
12 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our high tower. Selah

47 For the Leader; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

2 O clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

3 For the LORD is most high, awful;
A great King over all the earth.
4 He subdueth peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
5 He chooseth our inheritance for us,
The pride of Jacob whom He loveth. Selah

6 God is gone up amidst shouting,
The LORD amidst the sound of the horn.
7 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

8 For God is the King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises in a skilful song.
9 God reigneth over the nations;
God sitteth upon His holy throne.

10 The princes of the peoples are gathered together,
The people of the God of Abraham;
For unto God belong the shields of the earth;
He is greatly exalted.

# 48

A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

2 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
In the city of our God, His holy mountain,
3 Fair in situation, the joy of the whole earth;
Even mount Zion, the uttermost parts of the north,
The city of the great King.
4 God in her palaces
Hath made Himself known for a stronghold.

5 For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,
They came onward together.
6 They saw, straightway they were amazed;
They were affrighted, they hasted away.
7 Trembling took hold of them there,
Pangs, as of a woman in travail.
8 With the east wind
Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.
9 As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God—
God establish it for ever. Selah

10 We have thought on Thy lovingkindness, O God,
In the midst of Thy temple.
11 As is Thy name, O God,
So is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth;
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
12 Let mount Zion be glad,
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of Thy judgments.
13 Walk about Zion, and go round about her;
Count the towers thereof.
14 Mark ye well her ramparts,
Traverse her palaces;
That ye may tell it to the generation following.

15 For such is God, our God, for ever and ever;
He will guide us eternally.

## 49

For the Leader; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

2 Hear this, all ye peoples;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world,
3 Both low and high,
Rich and poor together.
4 My mouth shall speak wisdom,
And the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
5 I will incline mine ear to a parable;
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

6 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,
When the iniquity of my supplanters compasseth me about,
7 Of them that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches?
8 No man can by any means redeem his brother,
Nor give to God a ransom for him—
9 For too costly is the redemption of their soul,
And must be let alone for ever—
10 That he should still live alway,
That he should not see the pit.
11 For he seeth that wise men die,
The fool and the brutish together perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
12 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever,
And their dwelling-places to all generations;
They call their lands after their own names.
13 But man abideth not in honour;
He is like the beasts that perish.

14 This is the way of them that are foolish,
And of those who after them approve their sayings. Selah
15 Like sheep they are appointed for the nether-world;
Death shall be their shepherd;
And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;
And their form shall be for the nether-world to wear away,
That there be no habitation for it.
16 But God will redeem my soul from the power of the nether-world;
For He shall receive me. Selah
17 Be not thou afraid when one waxeth rich,
When the wealth of his house is increased;
18 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away;
His wealth shall not descend after him.
19 Though while he lived he blessed his soul:
'Men will praise thee, when thou shalt do well to thyself';
20 It shall go to the generation of his fathers;
They shall never see the light.

[21]Man that is in honour understandeth not;
He is like the beasts that perish.

# 50

A Psalm of Asaph.

God, God, the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth
From the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

[2]Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined forth.
[3]Our God cometh, and doth not keep silence;
A fire devoureth before Him,
And round about Him it stormeth mightily.
[4]He calleth to the heavens above,
And to the earth, that He may judge His people:
[5]'Gather My saints together unto Me;
Those that have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.'
[6]And the heavens declare His righteousness;
For God, He is judge. Selah
[7]'Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
O Israel, and I will testify against thee:
God, thy God, am I.
[8]I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices;
And thy burnt-offerings are continually before Me.
[9]I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
[10]For every beast of the forest is Mine,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
[11]I know all the fowls of the mountains;
And the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
[12]If I were hungry, I would not tell thee;
For the world is Mine, and the fulness thereof.
[13]Do I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
[14]Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High;
[15]And call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt honour Me.'

[16]But unto the wicked God saith:
'What hast thou to do to declare My statutes,
And that thou hast taken My covenant in thy mouth?
[17]Seeing thou hatest instruction,
And castest My words behind thee.
[18]When thou sawest a thief, thou hadst company with him,
And with adulterers was thy portion.
[19]Thou hast let loose thy mouth for evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
21 These things hast thou done, and should I have kept silence?
Thou hadst thought that I was altogether such a one as thyself;
But I will reprove thee, and set the cause before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,
Lest I tear in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
23 Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving honoureth Me;
And to him that ordereth his way aright
Will I show the salvation of God.'

51 For the Leader. A Psalm of David; 2 when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

3 Be gracious unto me, O God, according to Thy mercy;
According to the multitude of Thy compassions blot out my transgressions.
4 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
5 For I know my transgressions;
And my sin is ever before me.
6 Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned,
And done that which is evil in Thy sight;
That Thou mayest be justified when Thou speakest,
And be in the right when Thou judgest.

7 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
8 Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts;
Make me, therefore, to know wisdom in mine inmost heart.
9 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
10 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which Thou hast crushed may rejoice.
11 Hide Thy face from my sins,
Aand blot out all mine iniquities.
12 Create me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a stedfast spirit within me.
13 Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy holy spirit from me.
14 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And let a willing spirit uphold me.
15 Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways;
And sinners shall return unto Thee.

16 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation;
So shall my tongue sing aloud of Thy righteousness.
17 O Lord, open Thou my lips;
And my mouth shall declare Thy praise.
18 For Thou delightest not in sacrifice, else would I give it;
Thou hast no pleasure in burnt-offering.
19 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

20 Do good in Thy favour unto Zion;
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.
21 Then wilt Thou delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt-offering and whole offering;
Then will they offer bullocks upon Thine altar.

## 52

For the Leader. Maschil of David; 2 when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him: 'David is come to the house of Ahimelech.'

3 Why boastest thou thyself of evil, O mighty man?
The mercy of God endureth continually.
4 Thy tongue deviseth destruction;
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
5 Thou lovest evil more than good;
Falsehood rather than speaking righteousness. Selah
6 Thou lovest all devouring words,
The deceitful tongue.
7 God will likewise break thee for ever,
He will take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent,
And root thee out of the land of the living. Selah

8 The righteous also shall see, and fear,
And shall laugh at him:
9 'Lo, this is the man that made not God his stronghold;
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.'
10 But as for me, I am like a leafy olive-tree in the house of God;
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
11 I will give Thee thanks for ever, because Thou hast done it;
And I will wait for Thy name, for it is good, in the presence of Thy saints.

## 53

For the Leader; upon Mahalath. Maschil of David.

2 The fool hath said in his heart: 'There is no God';
They have dealt corruptly, and have done abominable iniquity;

There is none that doeth good.
3God looked forth from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any man of understanding, that did seek after God.
4Every one of them is unclean, they are together become impure;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

5'Shall not the workers of iniquity know it,
Who eat up My people as they eat bread,
And call not upon God?'
6There are they in great fear, where no fear was;
For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee;
Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath rejected them.

7Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When God turneth the captivity of His people,
Let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

## 54

For the Leader; with string-music. Maschil of David:
2when the Ziphites came and said to Saul: 'Doth not David hide himself with us?'

3O God, save me by Thy name,
And right me by Thy might.
4O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
5For strangers are risen up against me,
And violent men have sought after my soul;
They have not set God before them. Selah
6Behold, God is my helper;
The Lord is for me as the upholder of my soul.
7He will requite the evil unto them that lie in wait for me;
Destroy Thou them in Thy truth.
8With a freewill-offering will I sacrifice unto Thee;
I will give thanks unto Thy name, O LORD, for it is good.
9For He hath delivered me out of all trouble;
And mine eye hath gazed upon mine enemies.

## 55

For the Leader; with string-music. Maschil of David.

2Give ear, O God, to my prayer;
And hide not Thyself from my supplication.
3Attend unto me, and answer me;
I am distraught in my complaint, and will moan;
4Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked;
For they cast mischief upon me,
And in anger they persecute me.
5My heart doth writhe within me;
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
6Fear and trembling come upon me,

And horror hath overwhelmed me.
7 And I said: 'Oh that I had wings like a dove!
Then would I fly away, and be at rest.
8 Lo, then would I wander far off,
I would lodge in the wilderness. Selah
9 I would haste me to a shelter
From the stormy wind and tempest.'
10 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongue;
For I have seen violence and strife in the city.
11 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof;
Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.
12 Wickedness is in the midst thereof;
Oppression and guile depart not from her broad place.
13 For it was not an enemy that taunted me,
Then I could have borne it;
Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me,
Then I would have hid myself from him.
14 But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My companion, and my familiar friend;
15 We took sweet counsel together,
In the house of God we walked with the throng.
16 May He incite death against them,
Let them go down alive into the nether-world;
For evil is in their dwelling, and within them.

17 As for me, I will call upon God;
And the LORD shall save me.
18 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I complain, and moan;
And He hath heard my voice.
19 He hath redeemed my soul in peace so that none came nigh me;
For they were many that strove with me.
20 God shall hear, and humble them,
Even He that is enthroned of old, Selah
Such as have no changes,
And fear not God.
21 He hath put forth his hands against them that were at peace with him;
He hath profaned his covenant.
22 Smoother than cream were the speeches of his mouth,
But his heart was war;
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they keen-edged swords.

23 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He will sustain thee;
He will never suffer the righteous to be moved.
24 But Thou, O God, wilt bring them down into the nethermost pit;
Men of blood and deceit shall not live out half their days;
But as for me, I will trust in Thee.

56 For the Leader; upon Jonath-elem-rehokim. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam; when the Philistines took him in Gath.

2 Be gracious unto me, O God, for man would swallow me up;
All the day he fighting oppresseth me.
3 They that lie in wait for me would swallow me up all the day;
For they are many that fight against me, O Most High,
4 In the day that I am afraid,
I will put my trust in Thee.
5 In God—I will praise His word—
In God do I trust, I will not be afraid;
What can flesh do unto me?

6 All the day they trouble mine affairs;
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
7 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves,
They mark my steps;
According as they have waited for my soul.
8 Because of iniquity cast them out;
In anger bring down the peoples, O God.
9 Thou has counted my wanderings;
Put Thou my tears into Thy bottle;
Are they not in Thy book?
10 Then shall mine enemies turn back in the day that I call;
This I know, that God is for me.
11 In God—I will praise His word—
In the Lord—I will praise His word—
12 In God do I trust, I will not be afraid;
What can man do unto me?

13 Thy vows are upon me, O God;
I will render thank-offerings unto Thee.
14 For thou hast delivered my soul from death;
Hast Thou not delivered my feet from stumbling?
That I may walk before God in the light of the living?

57 For the Leader; Al-tashheth. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

2 Be gracious unto me, O God, be gracious unto me,
For in Thee hath my soul taken refuge;
Yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge,
Until calamities be overpast.
3 I will cry unto God Most high;
Unto God that accomplisheth it for me.
4 He will send from heaven, and save me,
When he that would swallow me up taunteth, Selah
God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.
5 My soul is among lions, I do lie down among them that are aflame;
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
6 Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Thy glory be above all the earth.
7They have prepared a net for my steps,
My soul is bowed down;
They have digged a pit before me,
They are fallen into the midst thereof themselves. Selah
8My heart is stedfast, O God, my heart is stedfast;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
9Awake, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp;
I will awake the dawn.
10I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
11For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And Thy truth unto the skies.
12Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Thy glory be above all the earth.

# 58

For the Leader; Al-tashheth. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam.

2Do ye indeed speak as a righteous company?
Do ye judge with equity the sons of men?
3Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;
Ye weigh out in the earth the violence of your hands.
4The wicked are estranged from the womb;
The speakers of lies go astray as soon as they are born.
5Their venom is like the venom of a serpent;
They are like the deaf asp that stoppeth her ear;
6Which hearkeneth not to the voice of charmers,
Or of the most cunning binder of spells.

7Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth;
Break out the cheek-teeth of the young lions, O LORD.
8Let them melt away as water that runneth apace;
When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.
9Let them be as a snail which melteth and passeth away;
Like the untimely births of a woman, that have not seen the sun.
10Before your pots can feel the thorns,
He will sweep it away with a whirlwind, the raw and the burning alike.

11The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance;
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
12And men shall say: 'Verily there is a reward for the righteous;
Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.'

# 59

For the Leader; Al-tashheth. [A Psalm] of David; Michtam;

when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

2 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God;
Set me on high from them that rise up against me.
3 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
And save me from the men of blood.
4 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;
The impudent gather themselves together against me;
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.
5 Without my fault, they run and prepare themselves;
Awake Thou to help me, and behold.
6 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel,
Arouse Thyself to punish all the nations;
Show no mercy to any iniquitous traitors. Selah

7 They return at evening, they howl like a dog,
And go round about the city.
8 Behold, they belch out with their mouth;
Swords are in their lips:
'For who doth hear?'
9 But Thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;
Thou shalt have all the nations in derision.
10 Because of his strength, I will wait for Thee;
For God is my high tower.

11 The God of my mercy will come to meet me;
God will let me gaze upon mine adversaries.
12 Slay them not, lest my people forget,
Make them wander to and fro by Thy power, and bring them down,
O Lord our shield.
13 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips,
Let them even be taken in their pride,
And for cursing and lying which they speak.
14 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they be no more;
And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,
Unto the ends of the earth. Selah

15 And they return at evening, they howl like a dog,
And go round about the city;
16 They wander up and down to devour,
And tarry all night if they have not their fill.
17 But as for me, I will sing of Thy strength;
Yea, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning;
For Thou hast been my high tower,
And a refuge in the day of my distress.
18 O my strength, unto Thee will I sing praises;

For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

# 60

For the Leader; upon Shushan Eduth; Michtam of David, to
teach; 2 when he strove with Aram-
naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and
Joab returned, and smote of Edom in
the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

3 O God, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast broken us down;
Thou hast been angry; O restore us.
4 Thou hast made the land to shake, Thou hast cleft it;
Heal the breaches thereof; for it tottereth.
5 Thou hast made Thy people to see hard things;
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.
6 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear Thee,
That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah
7 That Thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with Thy right hand, and answer me.

8 God spoke in His holiness, that I would exult;
That I would divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
9 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim also is the defence of my head;
Judah is my sceptre.
10 Moab is my washpot;
Upon Edom do I cast my shoe;
Philistia, cry aloud because of me!

11 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will lead me unto Edom?
12 Hast not Thou, O God, cast us off?
And Thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
13 Give us help against the adversary;
For vain is the help of man.
14 Through God we shall do valiantly;
For He it is that will tread down our adversaries.

# 61

For the Leader; with string-music. [A Psalm] of David.

2 Hear my cry, O God;
Attend unto my prayer.
3 From the end of the earth will I call unto Thee, when my heart fainteth;
Lead me to a rock that is too high for me.
4 For Thou hast been a refuge for me,
A tower of strength in the face of the enemy.

5 I will dwell in Thy Tent for ever;
I will take refuge in the covert of Thy wings. Selah
6 For Thou, O God, hast heard my vows;
Thou hast granted the heritage of those that fear Thy name.

7Mayest Thou add days unto the
king's days!
May his years be as many
generations!
8May he be enthroned before God
for ever!
Appoint mercy and truth, that they
may preserve him.

9So will I sing praise unto Thy name
for ever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

## 62 For the Leader; for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

2Only for God doth my soul wait in
stillness;
From Him cometh my salvation.
3He only is my rock and my
salvation,
My high tower, I shall not be greatly
moved.
4How long will ye set upon a man,
That ye may slay him, all of you,
As a leaning wall, a tottering fence?
5They only devise to thrust him
down from his height, delighting
in lies;
They bless with their mouth, but
they curse inwardly. Selah

6Only for God wait thou in stillness,
my soul;
For from Him cometh my hope.
7He only is my rock and my
salvation,
My high tower, I shall not be
moved.
8Upon God resteth my salvation and
my glory;
The rock of my strength, and my
refuge, is in God.
9Trust in Him at all times, ye
people;
Pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah

10Men of low degree are vanity, and
men of high degree are a lie;
If they be laid in the balances, they
are together lighter than vanity.
11Trust not in oppression,
And put not vain hope in robbery;
If riches increase, set not your heart
thereon.
12God hath spoken once,
Twice have I heard this:
That strength belongeth unto God;
13Also unto Thee, O Lord, belongeth
mercy;
For Thou renderest to every man
according to his work.

## 63 A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

2O God, Thou art my God, earnestly
will I seek Thee;
My soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh
longeth for Thee,
In a dry and weary land, where no
water is.
3So have I looked for Thee in the
sanctuary,
To see Thy power and Thy glory.

4For Thy lovingkindness is better than life;
My lips shall praise Thee.
5So will I bless Thee as long as I live;
In Thy name will I lift up my hands.

6My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness;
And my mouth doth praise Thee with joyful lips;
7When I remember Thee upon my couch,
And meditate on Thee in the night-watches.

8For Thou hast been my help,
And in the shadow of Thy wings do I rejoice.
9My soul cleaveth unto Thee;
Thy right hand holdeth me fast.

10But those that seek my soul, to destroy it,
Shall go into the nethermost parts of the earth.
11They shall be hurled to the power of the sword;
They shall be a portion for foxes.
12But the king shall rejoice in God;
Every one that sweareth by Him shall glory;
For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

# 64

For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint;
Preserve my life from the terror of the enemy.
3Hide me from the council of evil-doers;
From the tumult of the workers of iniquity;
4Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
And have aimed their arrow, a poisoned word;
5That they may shoot in secret places at the blameless;
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
6They encourage one another in an evil matter;
They converse of laying snares secretly;
They ask, who would see them.
7They search out iniquities, they have accomplished a diligent search;
Even in the inward thought of every one, and the deep heart.

8But God doth shoot at them with an arrow suddenly;
Thence are their wounds.
9So they make their own tongue a stumbling unto themselves;
All that see them shake the head.
10And all men fear;
And they declare the work of God,
And understand His doing.
11The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall take refuge in Him;

And all the upright in heart shall glory.

## 65 For the Leader. A Psalm. A Song of David.

2 Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in Zion;
And unto Thee the vow is performed.
3 O Thou that hearest prayer,
Unto Thee doth all flesh come.
4 The tale of iniquities is too heavy for me;
As for our transgressions, Thou wilt pardon them.
5 Happy is the man whom Thou choosest, and bringest near,
That he may dwell in Thy courts;
May we be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house,
The holy place of Thy temple!

6 With wondrous works dost Thou answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation;
Thou the confidence of all the ends of the earth,
And of the far distant seas;
7 Who by Thy strength settest fast the mountains,
Who art girded about with might;
8 Who stillest the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples;
9 So that they that dwell in the uttermost parts stand in awe of Thy signs;
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

10 Thou hast remembered the earth, and watered her, greatly enriching her,
With the river of God that is full of water;
Thou preparest them corn, for so preparest Thou her.
11 Watering her ridges abundantly,
Settling down the furrows thereof,
Thou makest her soft with showers;
Thou blessest the growth thereof.
12 Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness;
And Thy paths drop fatness.
13 The pastures of the wilderness do drop;
And the hills are girded with joy.
14 The meadows are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, yea, they sing.

## 66 For the Leader. A Song, a Psalm.

Shout unto God, all the earth;
2 Sing praises unto the glory of His name;
Make His praise glorious.
3 Say unto God: 'How tremendous is Thy work!
Through the greatness of Thy power shall Thine enemies dwindle away before Thee.
4 All the earth shall worship Thee,

And shall sing praises unto Thee;
They shall sing praises to Thy
name.' Selah

5 Come, and see the works of God;
He is terrible in His doing toward
the children of men.
6 He turned the sea into dry land;
They went through the river on foot;
There let us rejoice in Him!
7 Who ruleth by His might for ever;
His eyes keep watch upon the
nations;
Let not the rebellious exalt
themselves. Selah

8 Bless our God, ye peoples,
And make the voice of His praise to
be heard;
9 Who hath set our soul in life,
And suffered not our foot to be
moved,
10 For Thou, O God, hast tried us;
Thou hast refined us, as silver is
refined.
11 Thou didst bring us into the hold;
Thou didst lay constraint upon our
loins.
12 Thou hast caused men to ride over
our heads;
We went through fire and through
water;
But Thou didst bring us out unto
abundance.

13 I will come into Thy house with
burnt-offerings,
I will perform unto Thee my vows,
14 Which my lips have uttered,
And my mouth hath spoken, when I
was in distress.
15 I will offer unto Thee burnt-
offerings of fatlings,
With the sweet smoke of rams;
I will offer bullocks with goats.
Selah
16 Come, and hearken, all ye that fear
God,
And I will declare what He hath
done for my soul.
17 I cried unto Him with my mouth,
And He was extolled with my
tongue.
18 If I had regarded iniquity in my
heart,
The Lord would not hear;
19 But verily God hath heard;
He hath attended to the voice of my
prayer.
20 Blessed be God,
Who hath not turned away my
prayer, nor His mercy from me.

## 67

For the Leader; with string-music. A Psalm, a Song.

2 God be gracious unto us, and bless
us;
May He cause His face to shine
toward us; Selah
3 That Thy way may be known upon
earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.

4 Let the peoples give thanks unto
Thee, O God;
Let the peoples give thanks unto
Thee, all of them.

[5]O let the nations be glad and sing
for joy;
For Thou wilt judge the peoples
with equity,
And lead the nations upon earth.
Selah

[6]Let the peoples give thanks unto
Thee, O God;
Let the peoples give thanks unto
Thee, all of them.
[7]The earth hath yielded her increase;
May God, our own God, bless us.
[8]May God bless us;
And let all the ends of the earth fear
Him.

## 68

For the Leader. A Psalm of David, a Song.

[2]Let God arise, let His enemies be
scattered;
And let them that hate Him flee
before Him.
[3]As smoke is driven away, so drive
them away;
As wax melteth before the fire,
So let the wicked perish at the
presence of God.
[4]But let the righteous be glad, let
them exult before God;
Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.

[5]Sing unto God, sing praises to His
name;
Extol Him that rideth upon the
skies, whose name is the Lord;
And exult ye before Him.
[6]A father of the fatherless, and a
judge of the widows,
Is God in His holy habitation.
[7]God maketh the solitary to dwell in
a house;
He bringeth out the prisoners into
prosperity;
The rebellious dwell but in a
parched land.
[8]O God, when Thou wentest forth
before Thy people,
When Thou didst march through the
wilderness; Selah
[9]The earth trembled, the heavens
also dropped at the presence of
God;
Even yon Sinai trembled at the
presence of God, the God of
Israel.
[10]A bounteous rain didst Thou pour
down, O God;
When Thine inheritance was weary,
Thou didst confirm it.
[11]Thy flock settled therein;
Thou didst prepare in Thy goodness
for the poor, O God.

[12]The Lord giveth the word;
The women that proclaim the
tidings are a great host.
[13]Kings of armies flee, they flee;
And she that tarrieth at home
divideth the spoil.
[14]When ye lie among the sheepfolds,
The wings of the dove are covered
with silver,
And her pinions with the shimmer
of gold.

[15]When the Almighty scattereth kings therein,
It snoweth in Zalmon.

[16]A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;
A mountain of peaks is the mountain of Bashan.
[17]Why look ye askance, ye mountains of peaks,
At the mountain which God hath desired for His abode?
Yea, the LORD will dwell therein for ever.
[18]The chariots of God are myriads, even thousands upon thousands;
The Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in holiness.
[19]Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive;
Thou hast received gifts among men,
Yea, among the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell there.
[20]Blessed be the Lord, day by day He beareth our burden,
Even the God who is our salvation. Selah
[21]God is unto us a God of deliverances;
And unto GOD the Lord belong the issues of death.
[22]Surely God will smite through the head of His enemies,
The hairy scalp of him that goeth about in his guiltiness.
[23]The Lord said: 'I will bring back from Bashan,
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea;
[24]That thy foot may wade through blood,
That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from thine enemies.'

[25]They see Thy goings, O God,
Even the goings of my God, my King, in holiness.
[26]The singers go before, the minstrels follow after,
In the midst of damsels playing upon timbrels.
[27]'Bless ye God in full assemblies,
Even the Lord, ye that are from the fountain of Israel.'
[28]There is Benjamin, the youngest, ruling them,
The princes of Judah their council,
The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.
[29]Thy God hath commanded thy strength;
Be strong, O God, Thou that hast wrought for us
[30]Out of Thy temple at Jerusalem,
Whither kings shall bring presents unto Thee.
[31]Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples,
Every one submitting himself with pieces of silver;
He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war!
[32]Nobles shall come out of Egypt;

Ethiopia shall hasten to stretch out
her hands unto God.

33Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the
earth;
O sing praises unto the Lord;
Selah
34To Him that rideth upon the
heavens of heavens, which are of
old;
Lo, He uttereth His voice, a mighty
voice.
35Ascribe ye strength unto God;
His majesty is over Israel,
And His strength is in the skies.
36Awful is God out of thy holy
places;
The God of Israel, He giveth
strength and power unto the
people;
Blessed be God.

## 69

For the Leader; upon Shoshannim. [A Psalm] of David.

2Save me, O God;
For the waters are come in even
unto the soul.
3I am sunk in deep mire, where there
is no standing;
I am come into deep waters, and the
flood overwhelmeth me.
4I am weary of my crying; my throat
is dried;
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my
God.
5They that hate me without a cause
are more than the hairs of my
head;
They that would cut me off, being
mine enemies wrongfully, are
many;
Should I restore that which I took
not away?
6O God, Thou knowest my folly;
And my trespasses are not hid from
Thee.
7Let not them that wait for Thee be
ashamed through me, O Lord GOD
of hosts;
Let not those that seek Thee be
brought to confusion through me,
O God of Israel.

8Because for Thy sake I have borne
reproach;
Confusion hath covered my face.
9I am become a stranger unto my
brethren,
And an alien unto my mother's
children.
10Because zeal for Thy house hath
eaten me up,
And the reproaches of them that
reproach Thee are fallen upon me.
11And I wept with my soul with
fasting,
And that became unto me a
reproach.
12I made sackcloth also my garment,
And I became a byword unto them.
13They that sit in the gate talk of me;
And I am the song of the drunkards.

14But as for me, let my prayer be
unto Thee, O LORD, in an
acceptable time;
O God, in the abundance of Thy
mercy,
Answer me with the truth of Thy
salvation.
15Deliver me out of the mire, and let
me not sink;
Let me be delivered from them that
hate me, and out of the deep
waters.
16Let not the waterflood overwhelm
me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up;
And let not the pit shut her mouth
upon me.
17Answer me, O LORD, for Thy
mercy is good;
According to the multitude of Thy
compassions turn Thou unto me.
18And hide not Thy face from Thy
servant;
For I am in distress; answer me
speedily.
19Draw nigh unto my soul, and
redeem it;
Ransom me because of mine
enemies.

20Thou knowest my reproach, and
my shame, and my confusion;
Mine adversaries are all before
Thee.
21Reproach hath broken my heart;
and I am sore sick;
And I looked for some to show
compassion, but there was none;
And for comforters, but I found
none.
22Yea, they put poison into my food;
And in my thirst they gave me
vinegar to drink.

23Let their table before them become
a snare;
And when they are in peace, let it
become a trap.
24Let their eyes be darkened, that
they see not;
And make their loins continually to
totter.
25Pour out Thine indignation upon
them,
And let the fierceness of Thine
anger overtake them.
26Let their encampment be desolate;
Let none dwell in their tents.
27For they persecute him whom
Thou hast smitten;
And they tell of the pain of those
whom Thou hast wounded.
28Add iniquity unto their iniquity;
And let them not come into Thy
righteousness.
29Let them be blotted out of the
book of the living,
And not be written with the
righteous.
30But I am afflicted and in pain;
Let Thy salvation, O God, set me up
on high.
31I will praise the name of God with
a song,
And will magnify Him with
thanksgiving.

32 And it shall please the LORD better than a bullock
That hath horns and hoofs.
33 The humble shall see it, and be glad;
Ye that seek after God, let your heart revive.
34 For the LORD hearkeneth unto the needy,
And despiseth not His prisoners.
35 Let heaven and earth praise Him,
The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
36 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah;
And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.
37 The seed also of His servants shall inherit it;
And they that love His name shall dwell therein.

70 For the Leader. [A Psalm] of David; to make memorial.

O God, to deliver me,
O LORD, to help me, make haste.
2 Let them be ashamed and abashed
That seek after my soul;
Let them be turned backward and brought to confusion
That delight in my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back by reason of their shame
That say: 'Aha, aha.'
4 Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;
And let such as love Thy salvation say continually:
'Let God be magnified.'
5 But I am poor and needy;
O God, make haste unto me;
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, tarry not.

71 In Thee, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
Let me never be ashamed.
2 Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and rescue me;
Incline Thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be Thou to me a sheltering rock, whereunto I may continually resort,
Which Thou hast appointed to save me;
For Thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 O my God, rescue me out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the grasp of the unrighteous and ruthless man.
5 For Thou art my hope;
O Lord GOD, my trust from my youth.
6 Upon Thee have I stayed myself from birth;
Thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb;
My praise is continually of Thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many;
But Thou art my strong refuge.
8 My mouth shall be filled with Thy praise,
And with Thy glory all the day.

9Cast me not off in the time of old age;
When my strength faileth, forsake me not.
10For mine enemies speak concerning me,
And they that watch for my soul take counsel together,
11Saying: 'God hath forsaken him;
Pursue and take him; for there is none to deliver.'
12O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me.
13Let them be ashamed and consumed that are adversaries to my soul;
Let them be covered with reproach and confusion that seek my hurt.

14But as for me, I will hope continually,
And will praise Thee yet more and more.
15My mouth shall tell of Thy righteousness,
And of Thy salvation all the day;
For I know not the numbers thereof.
16I will come with Thy mighty acts, O Lord GOD;
I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only.
17O God, Thou hast taught me from my youth;
And until now do I declare Thy wondrous works.
18And even unto old age and hoary hairs, O God, forsake me not;
Until I have declared Thy strength unto the next generation,
Thy might to every one that is to come.
19Thy righteousness also, O God, which reacheth unto high heaven;
Thou who hast done great things,
O God, who is like unto Thee?
20Thou, who hast made me to see many and sore troubles,
Wilt quicken me again, and bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
21Thou wilt increase my greatness,
And turn and comfort me.
22I also will give thanks unto Thee with the psaltery,
Even unto Thy truth, O my God;
I will sing praises unto Thee with the harp,
O Thou Holy One of Israel.
23My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises unto Thee;
And my soul, which Thou hast redeemed.
24My tongue also shall tell of Thy righteousness all the day;
For they are ashamed, for they are abashed, that seek my hurt.

## 72

[A Psalm] of Solomon.

Give the king Thy judgments, O God,
And Thy righteousness unto the king's son;
2That he may judge Thy people with righteousness,
And Thy poor with justice.

3 Let the mountains bear peace to the people,
And the hills, through righteousness.
4 May he judge the poor of the people,
And save the children of the needy,
And crush the oppressor.
5 They shall fear Thee while the sun endureth,
And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass,
As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days let the righteous flourish,
And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.

8 May he have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
9 Let them that dwell in the wilderness bow before him;
And his enemies lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute;
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yea, all kings shall prostrate themselves before him;
All nations shall serve him.
12 For he will deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper.
13 He will have pity on the poor and needy,
And the souls of the needy he will save.
14 He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence,
And precious will their blood be in his sight.
15 That they may live, and that he may give them of the gold of Sheba,
That they may pray for him continually,
Yea, bless him all the day.
16 May he be as a rich cornfield in the land upon the top of the mountains;
May his fruit rustle like Lebanon;
And may they blossom out of the city like grass of the earth.
17 May his name endure for ever;
May his name be continued as long as the sun;
May men also bless themselves by him;
May all nations call him happy.

18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things;
19 And blessed be His glorious name for ever;
And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen, and Amen.

20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

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# BOOK III

## 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

Surely God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are pure in heart.
2But as for me, my feet were almost gone;
My steps had well nigh slipped.
3For I was envious at the arrogant,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4For there are no pangs at their death,
And their body is sound.
5In the trouble of man they are not;
Neither are they plagued like men.
6Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck;
Violence covereth them as a garment.
7Their eyes stand forth from fatness;
They are gone beyond the imaginations of their heart.
8They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression;
They speak as if there were none on high.
9They have set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
10Therefore His people return hither;
And waters of fullness are drained out by them.
11And they say: 'How doth God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most High?'
12Behold, such are the wicked;
And they that are always at ease increase riches.
13Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart,
And washed my hands in innocency;
14For all the day have I been plagued,
And my chastisement came every morning.

15If I had said: 'I will speak thus',
Behold, I had been faithless to the generation of Thy children.
16And when I pondered how I might know this,
It was wearisome in mine eyes;
17Until I entered into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their end.
18Surely Thou settest them in slippery places;
Thou hurlest them down to utter ruin.
19How are they become a desolation in a moment!
They are wholly consumed by terrors.
20As a dream when one awaketh,
So, O Lord, when Thou arousest Thyself, Thou wilt despise their semblance.
21For my heart was in a ferment,
And I was pricked in my reins.

[22]But I was brutish, and ignorant;
I was as a beast before Thee.

[23]Nevertheless I am continually with Thee;
Thou holdest my right hand.
[24]Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel,
And afterward receive me with glory.
[25]Whom have I in heaven but Thee?
And beside Thee I desire none upon earth.
[26]My flesh and my heart faileth;
But God is the rock of my heart and my portion for ever.
[27]For, lo, they that go far from Thee shall perish;
Thou dost destroy all them that go astray from Thee.
[28]But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
That I may tell of all Thy works.

# 74

Maschil of Asaph.

Why, O God, hast Thou cast us off for ever?
Why doth Thine anger smoke against the flock of Thy pasture?
[2]Remember Thy congregation, which Thou hast gotten of old,
Which Thou hast redeemed to be the tribe of Thine inheritance;
And mount Zion, wherein Thou hast dwelt.
[3]Lift up Thy steps because of the perpetual ruins,
Even all the evil that the enemy hath done in the sanctuary.
[4]Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of Thy meeting-place;
They have set up their own signs for signs.
[5]It seemed as when men wield upwards
Axes in a thicket of trees.
[6]And now all the carved work thereof together
They strike down with hatchet and hammers.
[7]They have set Thy sanctuary on fire;
They have profaned the dwelling-place of Thy name even to the ground.
[8]They said in their heart: 'Let us make havoc of them altogether';
They have burned up all the meeting-places of God in the land.
[9]We see not our signs;
There is no more any prophet;
Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
[10]How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach?
Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name for ever?
[11]Why withdrawest Thou Thy hand, even Thy right hand?
Draw it out of Thy bosom and consume them.

[12]Yet God is my King of old,

Working salvation in the midst of
the earth.
13Thou didst break the sea in pieces
by Thy strength;
Thou didst shatter the heads of the
sea-monsters in the waters.
14Thou didst crush the heads of
leviathan,
Thou gavest him to be food to the
folk inhabiting the wilderness.
15Thou didst cleave fountain and
brook;
Thou driedst up ever-flowing rivers.
16Thine is the day, Thine also the
night;
Thou hast established luminary and
sun.
17Thou hast set all the borders of the
earth;
Thou hast made summer and winter.

18Remember this, how the enemy
hath reproached the Lord,
And how a base people have
blasphemed Thy name.
19O deliver not the soul of Thy
turtle-dove unto the wild beast;
Forget not the life of Thy poor for
ever.
20Look upon the covenant;
For the dark places of the land are
full of the habitations of violence.
21O let not the oppressed turn back
in confusion;
Let the poor and needy praise Thy
name.
22Arise, O God, plead Thine own
cause;
Remember Thy reproach all the day
at the hand of the base man.
23Forget not the voice of Thine
adversaries,
The tumult of those that rise up
against Thee which ascendeth
continually.

# 75

For the Leader; Al-tashheth. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

2We give thanks unto Thee, O God,
We give thanks, and Thy name is
near;
Men tell of Thy wondrous works.
3'When I take the appointed time,
I Myself will judge with equity.
4When the earth and all the
inhabitants thereof are dissolved,
I Myself establish the pillars of it.'
Selah

5I say unto the arrogant 'Deal not
arrogantly';
And to the wicked 'Lift not up the
horn.'
6Lift not up your horn on high;
Speak not insolence with a haughty
neck.
7For neither from the east, nor from
the west,
Nor yet from the wilderness, cometh
lifting up.
8For God is judge;
He putteth down one, and lifteth up
another.
9For in the hand of the Lord there is
a cup, with foaming wine, full of
mixture,

And He poureth out of the same;
Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall drain them, and drink them.

10 But as for me, I will declare for ever,
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
11 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

## 76

For the Leader; with string-music. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

2 In Judah is God known;
His name is great in Israel.
3 In Salem also is set His tabernacle,
And His dwelling-place in Zion.
4 There He broke the fiery shafts of the bow;
The shield, and the sword, and the battle. Selah

5 Glorious art Thou and excellent, coming down from the mountains of prey.
6 The stout-hearted are bereft of sense, they sleep their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
7 At Thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
They are cast into a dead sleep, the riders also and the horses.

8 Thou, even Thou, art terrible;
And who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?
9 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;
The earth feared, and was still,
10 When God arose to judgment,
To save all the humble of the earth. Selah

11 Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee;
The residue of wrath shalt Thou gird upon Thee.
12 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God;
Let all that are round about Him bring presents unto Him that is to be feared;
13 He minisheth the spirit of princes;
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

## 77

For the Leader; for Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

2 I will lift up my voice unto God, an cry;
I will lift up my voice unto God, that He may give ear unto me.
3 In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;
With my hand uplifted, [mine eye] streameth in the night without ceasing;
My soul refuseth to be comforted.
4 When I think thereon, O God, I must moan;
When I muse thereon, my spirit fainteth. Selah

5Thou holdest fast the lids of mine eyes;
I am troubled, and cannot speak.
6I have pondered the days of old, the years of ancient times.
7In the night I will call to remembrance my song;
I will commune with mine own heart;
And my spirit maketh diligent search
8'Will the Lord cast off for ever?
And will He be favourable no more?
9Is His mercy clean gone for ever?
Is His promise come to an end for evermore?
10Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath He in anger shut up his compassions?' Selah
11And I say 'This is my weakness,
That the right hand of the Most High could change.
12I will make mention of the deeds of the LORD;
Yea, I will remember Thy wonders of old.
13I will meditate also upon all Thy work,
And muse on Thy doings.'
14O God, Thy way is in holiness;
Who is a great god like unto God?
15Thou art the God that doest wonders;
Thou hast made known Thy strength among the peoples.
16Thou hast with Thine arm redeemed Thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah
17The waters saw Thee, O God;
The waters saw Thee, they were in pain;
The depths also trembled.
18The clouds flooded forth waters;
The skies sent out a sound;
Thine arrows also went abroad.
19The voice of Thy thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lighted up the world;
The earth trembled and shook.
20Thy way was in the sea,
And Thy path in the great waters,
And Thy footsteps were not known.
21Thou didst lead Thy people like a flock,
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

# 78

Maschil of Asaph.

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter dark sayings concerning days of old;
3That which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us,
4We will not hide from their children,
Telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
And His strength, and His wondrous works that He hath done.

5For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children;
6That the generation to come might know them, even the children that should be born;
Who should arise and tell them to their children,
7That they might put their confidence in God,
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments;
8And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation;
A generation that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

9The children of Ephraim were as archers handling the bow,
That turned back in the day of battle.
10They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in His law;
11And they forgot His doings,
And His wondrous works that He had shown them.
12Marvellous things did He in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13He cleaved the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And He made the waters to stand as a heap.
14By day also He led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15He cleaved rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the great deep.
16He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

17Yet went they on still to sin against Him,
To rebel against the Most High in the desert.
18And they tried God in their heart
By asking food for their craving.
19Yea, they spoke against God;
They said 'Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
20Behold, He smote the rock, that waters gushed out,
And streams overflowed;
Can He give bread also?
Or will He provide flesh for His people?'
21Therefore the Lord heard, and was wroth;
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also went up against Israel;
22Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in His salvation.
23And He commanded the skies above,

And opened the doors of heaven;
24 And He caused manna to rain upon them for food,
And gave them of the corn of heaven.
25 Man did eat the bread of the mighty;
He sent them provisions to the full.
26 He caused the east wind to set forth in heaven;
And by His power He brought on the south wind.
27 He caused flesh also to rain upon them as the dust,
And winged fowl as the sand of the seas;
28 And He let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their dwellings.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled;
And He gave them that which they craved.
30 They were not estranged from their craving,
Their food was yet in their mouths,
31 When the anger of God went up against them,
And slew of the lustieth among them,
And smote down the young men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not in His wondrous works.
33 Therefore He ended their days as a breath,
And their years in terror.
34 When He slew them, then they would inquire after Him,
And turn back and seek God earnestly.
35 And they remembered that God was their Rock,
And the Most High God their redeemer.
36 But they beguiled Him with their mouth,
And lied unto Him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not stedfast with Him,
Neither were they faithful in His covenant.
38 But He, being full of compassion, forgiveth iniquity, and destroyeth not;
Yea, many a time doth He turn His anger away,
And doth not stir up all His wrath.
39 So He remembered that they were but flesh,
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they rebel against Him in the wilderness,
And grieve Him in the desert!
41 And still again they tried God,
And set bounds to the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not His hand,
Nor the day when He redeemed them from the adversary.
43 How He set His signs in Egypt,
And His wonders in the field of Zoan;

44 And turned their rivers into blood,
So that they could not drink their streams.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labour unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore-trees with frost.
48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to fiery bolts.
49 He sent forth upon them the fierceness of His anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
A sending of messengers of evil.
50 He levelled a path for His anger;
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence;
51 And smote all the first-born in Egypt,
The first-fruits of their strength in the tents of Ham;
52 But He made His own people to go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And He led them safely, and they feared not;
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And He brought them to His holy border,
To the mountain, which His right hand had gotten.
55 He drove out the nations also before them,
And allotted them for an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tried and provoked God, the Most High,
And kept not His testimonies;
57 But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers;
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
58 For they provoked Him with their high places,
And moved Him to jealousy with their graven images.
59 God heard, and was wroth,
And He greatly abhorred Israel;
60 And He forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent which He had made to dwell among men;
61 And delivered His strength into captivity,
And His glory into the adversary's hand.
62 He gave His people over also unto the sword;
And was wroth with His inheritance.
63 Fire devoured their young men;
And their virgins had no marriage-song.
64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made no lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one asleep,
Like a mighty man recovering from wine.
66 And He smote His adversaries backward;
He put upon them a perpetual reproach.
67 Moreover He abhorred the tent of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion which He loved.
69 And He built His sanctuary like the heights,
Like the earth which He hath founded for ever.
70 He chose David also His servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds;
71 From following the ewes that give suck He brought him,
To be shepherd over Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance.
72 So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart;
And lead them by the skilfulness of his hands.

# 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

O God, the heathen are come into Thine inheritance;
They have defiled Thy holy temple;
They have made Jerusalem into heaps.
2 They have given the dead bodies of Thy servants to be food unto the fowls of the heaven,
The flesh of Thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 They have shed their blood like water
Round about Jerusalem, with none to bury them.
4 We are become a taunt to our neighbours,
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.

5 How long, O LORD, wilt Thou be angry for ever?
How long will Thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations that know Thee not,
And upon the kingdoms that call not upon Thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his habitation.
8 Remember not against us the iniquities of our forefathers;
Let Thy compassions speedily come to meet us;
For we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the sake of the glory of Thy name;
And deliver us, and forgive our sins, for Thy name's sake.
10 Wherefore should the nations say: 'Where is their God?'
Let the avenging of Thy servants' blood that is shed
Be made known among the nations in our sight.

11 Let the groaning of the prisoner come before Thee;
According to the greatness of Thy power set free those that are appointed to death;
12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom
Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached Thee, O Lord.
13 So we that are Thy people and the flock of Thy pasture
Will give Thee thanks for ever;
We will tell of Thy praise to all generations.

## 80

For the Leader; upon Shoshannim. A testimony. A Psalm of Asaph.

2 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that art enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
3 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Thy might,
And come to save us.
4 O God, restore us;
And cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

5 O LORD God of hosts,
How long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?
6 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears,
And given them tears to drink in large measure.
7 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours;
And our enemies mock as they please.
8 O God of hosts, restore us;
And cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

9 Thou didst pluck up a vine out of Egypt;
Thou didst drive out the nations, and didst plant it.
10 Thou didst clear a place before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the land.
11 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it,
And the mighty cedars with the boughs thereof.
12 She sent out her branches unto the sea,
And her shoots unto the River.
13 Why hast Thou broken down her fences,
So that all they that pass by the way do pluck her?
14 The boar out of the wood doth ravage it,
That which moveth in the field feedeth on it.
15 O God of hosts, return, we beseech Thee;
Look from heaven, and behold, and be mindful of this vine,
16 And of the stock which Thy right hand hath planted,
And the branch that Thou madest strong for Thyself.

17 It is burned with fire, it is cut down;
They perish at the rebuke of Thy countenance.
18 Let Thy hand be upon the man of Thy right hand,
Upon the son of man whom Thou madest strong for Thyself.
19 So shall we not turn back from Thee;
Quicken Thou us, and we will call upon Thy name.
20 O LORD God of hosts, restore us;
Cause Thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

# 81

For the Leader; upon the Gittith. [A Psalm] of Asaph.

2 Sing aloud unto God our strength;
Shout unto the God of Jacob.
3 Take up the melody, and sound the timbrel,
The sweet harp with the psaltery.
4 Blow the horn at the new moon,
At the full moon for our feast-day.
5 For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.
6 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony,
When He went forth against the land of Egypt.
The speech of one that I knew not did I hear:

7 'I removed his shoulder from the burden; His hands were freed from the basket.
8 Thou didst call in trouble, and I rescued thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. Selah
9 Hear, O My people, and I will admonish thee: O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto Me!
10 There shall no strange god be in thee; neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.
11 I am the LORD thy God, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

12 But My people hearkened not to My voice;
And Israel would none of Me.
13 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart,
That they might walk in their own counsels.
14 Oh that My people would hearken unto Me,
That Israel would walk in My ways!
15 I would soon subdue their enemies,
And turn My hand against their adversaries.
16 The haters of the LORD should dwindle away before Him;
And their punishment should endure for ever.
17 They should also be fed with the fat of wheat;
And with honey out of the rock would I satisfy thee.'

# 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

God standeth in the congregation of God;
In the midst of the judges He judgeth:
2'How long will ye judge unjustly,
And respect the persons of the wicked? Selah
3Judge the poor and fatherless;
Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4Rescue the poor and needy;
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.
5They know not, neither do they understand;
They go about in darkness;
All the foundations of the earth are moved.
6I said: Ye are godlike beings,
And all of you sons of the Most High.
7Nevertheless ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.'

8Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For Thou shalt possess all the nations.

# 83

A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

2O God, keep not Thou silence;
Hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O God.
3For, lo, Thine enemies are in an uproar;
And they that hate Thee have lifted up the head.
4They hold crafty converse against Thy people,
And take counsel against Thy treasured ones.
5They have said: 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.'
6For they have consulted together with one consent;
Against Thee do they make a covenant;
7The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
Moab, and the Hagrites;
8Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;
9Assyria also is joined with them;
They have been an arm to the children of Lot. Selah

10Do Thou unto them as unto Midian;
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook Kishon;
11Who were destroyed at En-dor;
They became as dung for the earth.
12Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb,
And like Zebah and Zalmunna all their princes;
13Who said: 'Let us take to ourselves in possession
The habitations of God.'
14O my God, make them like the whirling dust;
As stubble before the wind.
15As the fire that burneth the forest,

And as the flame that setteth the mountains ablaze;
16So pursue them with Thy tempest,
And affright them with Thy storm.
17Fill their faces with shame;
That they may seek Thy name, O LORD.
18Let them be ashamed and affrighted for ever;
Yea, let them be abashed and perish;
19That they may know that it is Thou alone whose name is the LORD,
The Most High over all the earth.

# 84

For the Leader; upon the Gittith. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

2How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!
3My soul yearneth, yea, even pineth for the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh sing for joy unto the living God.
4Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young;
Thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King, and my God—
5Happy are they that dwell in Thy house,
They are ever praising Thee. Selah

6Happy is the man whose strength is in Thee;
In whose heart are the highways.
7Passing through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
Yea, the early rain clotheth it with blessings.
8They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.

9O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
Give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah
10Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of Thine anointed.
11For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand;
I had rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
12For the LORD God is a sun and a shield;
The LORD giveth grace and glory;
No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.
13O LORD of hosts,
Happy is the man that trusteth in Thee.

# 85

For the Leader. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

2LORD, Thou hast been favourable unto Thy land,
Thou hast turned the captivity of Jacob.
3Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people,
Thou hast pardoned all their sin. Selah

4 Thou hast withdrawn all Thy wrath;
Thou hast turned from the fierceness of Thine anger.
5 Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Thine indignation toward us to cease.
6 Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt Thou draw out Thine anger to all generations?
7 Wilt Thou not quicken us again,
That Thy people may rejoice in Thee?
8 Show us Thy mercy, O LORD,
And grant us Thy salvation.

9 I will hear what God the LORD will speak;
For He will speak peace unto His people, and to His saints;
But let them not turn back to folly.
10 Surely His salvation is nigh them that fear Him;
That glory may dwell in our land.
11 Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
12 Truth springeth out of the earth;
And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.
13 Yea, the LORD will give that which is good;
And our land shall yield her produce.
14 Righteousness shall go before Him,
And shall make His footsteps a way.

## 86

A Prayer of David.

Incline Thine ear, O LORD, and answer me;
For I am poor and needy.
2 Keep my soul, for I am godly;
O Thou my God, save Thy servant that trusteth in Thee.
3 Be gracious unto me, O Lord;
For unto Thee do I cry all the day.
4 Rejoice the soul of Thy servant;
For unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
5 For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to pardon,
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer;
And attend unto the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I call upon Thee;
For Thou wilt answer me.
8 There is none like unto Thee among the gods, O Lord,
And there are no works like Thine.
9 All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and prostrate themselves before Thee, O Lord;
And they shall glorify Thy name.
10 For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things;
Thou art God alone.

11 Teach me, O LORD, Thy way, that I may walk in Thy truth;
Make one my heart to fear Thy name.

12I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart;
And I will glorify Thy name for evermore.
13For great is Thy mercy toward me;
And Thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest nether-world.

14O God, the proud are risen up against me,
And the company of violent men have sought after my soul,
And have not set Thee before them.
15But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and truth.
16O turn unto me, and be gracious unto me;
Give Thy strength unto Thy servant,
And save the son of Thy handmaid.
17Work in my behalf a sign for good;
That they that hate me may see it, and be put to shame,
Because Thou, Lord, hast helped me, and comforted me.

# 87

A Psalm of the sons of Korah; a Song.

His foundation is in the holy mountains.
2The Lord loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3Glorious things are spoken of Thee,
O city of God. Selah
4'I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon as among them that know Me;
Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia;
This one was born there.'
5But of Zion it shall be said: 'This man and that was born in her;
And the Most High Himself doth establish her.'
6The Lord shall count in the register of the peoples:
'This one was born there.' Selah
7And whether they sing or dance,
All my thoughts are in Thee.

# 88

A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Leader; upon Mahalath Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

2O Lord, God of my salvation,
What time I cry in the night before Thee,
3Let my prayer come before Thee,
Incline Thine ear unto my cry.

4For my soul is sated with troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
5I am counted with them that go down into the pit;
I am become as a man that hath no help;
6Set apart among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom Thou rememberest no more;
And they are cut off from Thy hand.

[7]Thou hast laid me in the nethermost pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.
[8]Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And all Thy waves Thou pressest down. Selah
[9]Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto them;
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

[10]Mine eye languisheth by reason of affliction;
I have called upon Thee, O LORD, every day,
I have spread forth my hands unto Thee.
[11]Wilt Thou work wonders for the dead?
Or shall the shades arise and give Thee thanks? Selah
[12]Shall Thy mercy be declared in the grave?
Or Thy faithfulness in destruction?
[13]Shall Thy wonders be known in the dark?
And Thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

[14]But as for me, unto Thee, O LORD, do I cry,
And in the morning doth my prayer come to meet Thee.
[15]LORD, why castest Thou off my soul?
Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?
[16]I am afflicted and at the point of death from my youth up;
I have borne Thy terrors, I am distracted.
[17]Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.
[18]They came round about me like water all the day;
They compassed me about together.
[19]Friend and companion hast Thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance into darkness.

# 89

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

[2]I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever;
To all generations will I make known Thy faithfulness with my mouth.
[3]For I have said: 'For ever is mercy built;
In the very heavens Thou dost establish Thy faithfulness.
[4]I have made a covenant with My chosen,
I have sworn unto David My servant:
[5]For ever will I establish thy seed,
And build up thy throne to all generations.' Selah

[6]So shall the heavens praise Thy wonders, O LORD,
Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
[7]For who in the skies can be compared unto the LORD,

Who among the sons of might can be likened unto the LORD,
8A God dreaded in the great council of the holy ones,
And feared of all them that are about Him?
9O LORD God of hosts,
Who is a mighty one, like unto Thee, O LORD?
And Thy faithfulness is round about Thee.
10Thou rulest the proud swelling of the sea;
When the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them.
11Thou didst crush Rahab, as one that is slain;
Thou didst scattered Thine enemies with the arm of Thy strength.
12Thine are the heavens, Thine also the earth;
The world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.
13The north and the south, Thou hast created them;
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in Thy name.
14Thine is an arm with might;
Strong is Thy hand, and exalted is Thy right hand.
15Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Thy throne;
Mercy and truth go before Thee.
16Happy is the people that know the joyful shout;
They walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance.
17In Thy name do they rejoice all the day;
And through Thy righteousness are they exalted.
18For Thou art the glory of their strength;
And in Thy favour our horn is exalted.
19For of the LORD is our shield;
And the Holy One of Israel is our king.

20Then Thou spokest in vision to Thy godly ones,
And saidst: 'I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21I have found David My servant;
With My holy oil have I anointed him;
22With whom My hand shall be established;
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
23The enemy shall not exact from him;
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
24And I will beat to pieces his adversaries before him,
And smite them that hate him.
25But My faithfulness and My mercy shall be with him;
And through My name shall his horn be exalted.
26I will set his hand also on the sea,
And his right hand on the rivers.
27He shall call unto Me: Thou art my Father,
My God, and the rock of my salvation.

28 I also will appoint him first-born,
The highest of the kings of the earth.
29 For ever will I keep for him My mercy,
And My covenant shall stand fast with him.
30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.
31 If his children forsake My law,
And walk not in Mine ordinances;
:32 If they profane My statutes,
And keep not My commandments;
33 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with strokes.
34 But My mercy will I not break off from him,
Nor will I be false to My faithfulness.
35 My covenant will I not profane,
Nor alter that which is gone out of My lips.
36 Once have I sworn by My holiness:
Surely I will not be false unto David;
37 His seed shall endure for ever,
And his throne as the sun before Me.
38 It shall be established for ever as the moon;
And be stedfast as the witness in sky.' Selah

39 But Thou hast cast off and rejected,
Thou hast been wroth with Thine anointed.
40 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of Thy servant;
Thou hast profaned his crown even to the ground.
41 Thou hast broken down all his fences;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.
42 All that pass by the way spoil him;
He is become a taunt to his neighbours.
43 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries;
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
44 Yea, Thou turnest back the edge of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand in the battle.
45 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.
46 The days of his youth hast Thou shortened;
Thou hast covered him with shame. Selah
47 How long, O LORD, wilt Thou hide Thyself for ever?
How long shall Thy wrath burn like fire?
48 O remember how short my time is;
For what vanity hast Thou created all the children of men!
49 What man is he that liveth and shall not see death,

That shall deliver his soul from the
power of the grave? Selah
50Where are Thy former mercies, O
Lord,
Which Thou didst swear unto David
in Thy faithfulness?
51Remember, Lord, the taunt of Thy
servants;
How I do bear in my bosom [the
taunt of] so many peoples;
52Wherewith Thine enemies have
taunted, O Lord,
Wherewith they have taunted the
footsteps of Thine anointed.
53Blessed be the Lord for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

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# BOOK IV

## 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling-
place in all generations.
2Before the mountains were brought
forth,
Or ever Thou hadst formed the earth
and the world,
Even from everlasting to
everlasting, Thou art God.
3Thou turnest man to contrition;
And sayest: 'Return, ye children of
men.'
4For a thousand years in Thy sight
Are but as yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
5Thou carriest them away as with a
flood; they are as a sleep;
In the morning they are like grass
which groweth up.
6In the morning it flourisheth, and
groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and
withereth.

7For we are consumed in Thine
anger,
And by Thy wrath are we hurried
away.
8Thou hast set our iniquities before
Thee,
Our secret sins in the light of Thy
countenance.
9For all our days are passed away in
Thy wrath;
We bring our years to an end as a
tale that is told.
10The days of our years are
threescore years and ten,
Or even by reason of strength
fourscore years;
Yet is their pride but travail and
vanity;
For it is speedily gone, and we fly
away.
11Who knoweth the power of Thine
anger,
And Thy wrath according to the fear
that is due unto Thee?
12So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us a heart of
wisdom.

13Return, O Lord; how long?

And let it repent Thee concerning
Thy servants.
14 O satisfy us in the morning with
Thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all
our days.
15 Make us glad according to the
days wherein Thou hast afflicted
us,
According to the years wherein we
have seen evil.
16 Let Thy work appear unto Thy
servants,
And Thy glory upon their children.
17 And let the graciousness of the
Lord our God be upon us;
Establish Thou also upon us the
work of our hands;
Yea, the work of our hands establish
Thou it.

91 O thou that dwellest in the
covert of the Most High,
And abidest in the shadow of the
Almighty;
2 I will say of the Lord, who is my
refuge and my fortress,
My God, in whom I trust,
3 That He will deliver thee from the
snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
4 He will cover thee with His
pinions,
And under His wings shalt thou take
refuge;
His truth is a shield and a buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid of the
terror by night,
Nor of the arrow that flieth by day;
6 Of the pestilence that walketh in
darkness,
Nor of the destruction that wasteth
at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at Thy side,
And ten thousand at Thy right hand;
It shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou
behold,
And see the recompense of the
wicked.

9 For thou hast made the Lord who is
my refuge,
Even the Most High, thy habitation.
10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh
thy tent.

11 For He will give His angels charge
over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
12 They shall bear thee upon their
hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a
stone.
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and
asp;
The young lion and the serpent shalt
thou trample under feet.

14 'Because he hath set his love upon
Me, therefore will I deliver him;
I will set him on high, because he
hath known My name.
15 He shall call upon Me, and I will
answer him;

I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him, and bring him to honour.
16 With long life will I satisfy him,
And make Him to behold My salvation.'

## 92

A Psalm, a Song. For the sabbath day.

2 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD,
And to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High;
3 To declare Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
And Thy faithfulness in the night seasons,
4 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the psaltery;
With a solemn sound upon the harp.

5 For Thou, LORD, hast made me glad through Thy work;
I will exult in the works of Thy hands.
6 How great are Thy works, O LORD!
Thy thoughts are very deep.
7 A brutish man knoweth not,
Neither doth a fool understand this.
8 When the wicked spring up as the grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish;
It is that they may be destroyed for ever.

9 But Thou, O LORD, art on high for evermore.
10 For, lo, Thine enemies, O LORD,
For, lo, Thine enemies shall perish:
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
11 But my horn hast Thou exalted like the horn of the wild-ox;
I am anointed with rich oil.
12 Mine eye also hath gazed on them that lie in wait for me,
Mine ears have heard my desire of the evil-doers that rise up against me.

13 The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree;
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
14 Planted in the house of the LORD,
They shall flourish in the courts of our God.
15 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
They shall be full of sap and richness;
16 To declare that the LORD is upright,
My Rock, in whom there is no unrighteousness.

## 93

The LORD reigneth; He is clothed in majesty;
The LORD is clothed, He hath girded Himself with strength;
Yea, the world is established, that it cannot be moved.
2 Thy throne is established of old;
Thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

The floods have lifted up their voice;
The floods lift up their roaring.
4 Above the voices of many waters,
The mighty breakers of the sea,
The LORD on high is mighty.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure,
Holiness becometh Thy house,
O LORD, for evermore.

94 O LORD, Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth,
Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.
2 Lift up Thyself, Thou Judge of the earth;
Render to the proud their recompense.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked exult?
4 They gush out, they speak arrogancy;
All the workers of iniquity bear themselves loftily.
5 They crush Thy people, O LORD,
And afflict Thy heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say: 'The LORD will not see,
Neither will the God of Jacob give heed.'

8 Consider, ye brutish among the people;
And ye fools, when will ye understand?
9 He that planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He that formed the eye, shall He not see?
10 He that instructeth nations, shall not He correct?
Even He that teacheth man knowledge?
11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.

12 Happy is the man whom Thou instructest, O LORD,
And teachest out of Thy law;
13 That Thou mayest give him rest from the days of evil,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For the LORD will not cast off His people,
Neither will He forsake His inheritance.
15 For right shall return unto justice,
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.

16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers?
Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless the LORD had been my help,
My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 If I say: 'My foot slippeth',
Thy mercy, O LORD, holdeth me up.
19 When my cares are many within me,

Thy comforts delight my soul.

[20]Shall the seat of wickedness have fellowship with Thee,
Which frameth mischief by statute?
[21]They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn innocent blood.
[22]But the LORD hath been my high tower,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
[23]And He hath brought upon them their own iniquity,
And will cut them off in their own evil;
The LORD our God will cut them off.

## 95

O come, let us sing unto the LORD;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
[2]Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us shout for joy unto Him with psalms.
[3]For the LORD is a great God,
And a great King above all gods;
[4]In whose hand are the depths of the earth;
The heights of the mountains are His also.
[5]The sea is His, and He made it;
And His hands formed the dry land.
[6]O come, let us bow down and bend the knee;
Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;
[7]For He is our God,
And we are the people of His pasture, and the flock of His hand.
To-day, if ye would but hearken to His voice!
[8]'Harden not your heart, as at Meribah,
As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;
[9]When your fathers tried Me,
Proved Me, even though they saw My work.
[10]For forty years was I wearied with that generation,
And said: It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known My ways;
[11]Wherefore I swore in My wrath,
That they should not enter into My [a]rest.'

## 96

O sing unto the LORD a new song;
Sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
[2]Sing unto the LORD, bless His name;
Proclaim His salvation from day to day.
[3]Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.

[4]For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.

[a] See Deut. xii, 9.

5For all the gods of the peoples are things of nought;
But the LORD made the heavens.
6Honour and majesty are before Him;
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

7Ascribe unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples,
Ascribe unto the LORD glory and strength.
8Ascribe unto the LORD the glory due unto His name;
Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
9O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
Tremble before Him, all the earth.

10Say among the nations: 'The LORD reigneth.'
The world also is established that it cannot be moved;
He will judge the peoples with equity.
11Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
12Let the field exult; and all that is therein;
Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy;
13Before the LORD, for He is come;
For He is come to judge the earth;
He will judge the world with righteousness,
And the peoples in His faithfulness.

97 The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
Let the multitude of isles be glad.
2Clouds and darkness are round about Him;
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
3A fire goeth before Him,
And burneth up His adversaries round about.

4His lightnings lighted up the world;
The earth saw, and trembled.
5The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
6The heavens declared His righteousness,
And all the peoples saw His glory.

7Ashamed be all they that serve graven images,
That boast themselves of things of nought;
Bow down to Him, all ye gods.
8Zion heard and was glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced;
Because of Thy judgments, O LORD.
9For Thou, LORD, art most high above all the earth;
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

10O ye that love the LORD, hate evil;
He preserveth the souls of His saints;

He delivered them out of the hand
of the wicked.
11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in
heart.
12 Be glad in the LORD, ye righteous;
And give thanks to His holy name.

## 98

A Psalm.

O sing unto the LORD a new song;
For He hath done marvellous things;
His right hand, and His holy arm,
hath wrought salvation for Him.
2 The LORD hath made known His
salvation;
His righteousness hath He revealed
in the sight of the nations.
3 He hath remembered His mercy
and His faithfulness toward the
house of Israel;
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

4 Shout unto the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth and sing for joy, yea,
sing praises.
5 Sing praises unto the LORD with the
harp;
With the harp and the voice of
melody.
6 With trumpets and sound of the
horn
Shout ye before the King, the LORD.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness
thereof;
The world, and they that dwell
therein;
8 Let the floods clap their hands;
Let the mountains sing for joy
together;
9 Before the LORD, for He is come to
judge the earth;
He will judge the world with
righteousness,
And the peoples with equity.

## 99

The LORD reigneth; let the
peoples tremble;
He is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake.
2 The LORD is great in Zion;
And He is high above all the
peoples.
3 Let them praise Thy name as great
and awful;
Holy is He.

4 The strength also of the king who
loveth justice—
Thou hast established equity,
Thou hast executed justice and
righteousness in Jacob.
5 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And prostrate yourselves at His
footstool;
Holy is He.

6 Moses and Aaron among His
priests,
And Samuel among them that call
upon His name,
Did call upon the LORD, and He
answered them.
7 He spoke unto them in the pillar of
cloud;

They kept His testimonies, and the statute that He gave them.
8 O LORD our God, Thou didst answer them;
A forgiving God wast Thou unto them,
Though Thou tookest vengeance of their misdeeds.
9 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at His holy hill;
For the LORD our God is holy.

## 100

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

Shout unto the LORD, all the earth.
2 Serve the LORD with gladness;
Come before His presence with singing.
3 Know ye that the LORD He is God;
It is He that hath made us, and we are His,
His people, and the flock of His pasture.
4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise;
Give thanks unto Him, and bless His name.
5 For the LORD is good; His mercy endureth for ever;
And His faithfulness unto all generations.

## 101

A Psalm of David.

I will sing of mercy and justice;
Unto Thee, O LORD, will I sing praises.
2 I will give heed unto the way of integrity;
Oh when wilt Thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house in the integrity of my heart.

3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes;
I hate the doing of things crooked; it shall not cleave unto me.
4 A perverse heart shall depart from me;
I will know no evil thing.

5 Whoso slandereth his neighbour in secret, him will I destroy;
Whoso is haughty of eye and proud of heart, him will I not suffer.
6 Mine eyes are upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me;
He that walketh in a way of integrity, he shall minister unto me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house;
He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.
8 Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land;
To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of the LORD.

## 102

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he fainteth, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

2 O LORD, hear my prayer,
And let my cry come unto Thee.
3 Hide not Thy face from me in the day of my distress;
Incline Thine ear unto me;
In the day when I call answer me speedily.

4 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned as a hearth.
5 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;
For I forget to eat my bread.
6 By reason of the voice of my sighing
My bones cleave to my flesh.
7 I am like a pelican of the wilderness;
I am become as an owl of the waste places.
8 I watch, and am become
Like a sparrow that is alone upon the housetop.
9 Mine enemies taunt me all the day;
They that are mad against me do curse by me.
10 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping,
11 Because of Thine indignation and Thy wrath;
For Thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
12 My days are like a lengthening shadow;
And I am withered like grass.
13 But Thou, O LORD, sittest enthroned for ever;
And Thy name is unto all generations.
14 Thou wilt arise, and have compassion upon Zion;
For it is time to be gracious unto her, for the appointed time is come.
15 For Thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And love her dust.
16 So the nations will fear the name of the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth Thy glory;
17 When the LORD hath built up Zion,
When He hath appeared in His glory;
18 When He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,
And hath not despised their prayer.

19 This shall be written for the generation to come;
And a people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
20 For He hath looked down from the height of His sanctuary;
From heaven did the LORD behold the earth;
21 To hear the groaning of the prisoner;
To loose those that are appointed to death;
22 That men may tell of the name of the LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem;

23When the peoples are gathered
together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the
LORD.

24He weakened my strength in the
way;
He shortened my days.
25I say: 'O my God, take me not
away in the midst of my days,
Thou whose years endure
throughout all generations.
26Of old Thou didst lay the
foundation of the earth;
And the heavens are the work of
Thy hands.
27They shall perish, but Thou shalt
endure;
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a
garment;
As a vesture shalt Thou change
them, and they shall pass away;
28But Thou art the selfsame,
And Thy years shall have no end.
29The children of Thy servants shall
dwell securely,
And their seed shall be established
before Thee.'

# 103 [A Psalm] of David.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless His
holy name.
2Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits;
3Who forgiveth all thine iniquity;
Who healeth all Thy diseases;
4Who redeemeth Thy life from the
pit;
Who encompasseth thee with
lovingkindness and tender
mercies;
5Who satisfieth thine old age with
good things;
So that Thy youth is renewed like
the eagle.

6The LORD executeth righteousness,
And acts of justice for all that are
oppressed.
7He made known His ways unto
Moses,
His doings unto the children of
Israel.
8The LORD is full of compassion and
gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in
mercy.
9He will not always contend;
Neither will He keep His anger for
ever.
10He hath not dealt with us after our
sins,
Nor requited us according to our
iniquities.
11For as the heaven is high above the
earth,
So great is His mercy toward them
that fear Him.
12As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath He removed our
transgressions from us.
13Like as a father hath compassion
upon his children,
So hath the LORD compassion upon
them that fear Him.

14 For He knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof knoweth it no more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him,
And His righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep His covenant,
And to those that remember His precepts to do them.

19 The LORD hath established His throne in the heavens;
And His kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the LORD, ye angels of His,
Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil His word,
Hearkening unto the voice of His word.
21 Bless the LORD, all ye His hosts;
Ye ministers of His, that do His pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all ye His works,
In all places of His dominion;
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

# 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, Thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with glory and majesty.
2 Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment,
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;
3 Who layest the beams of Thine upper chambers in the waters,
Who makest the clouds Thy chariot,
Who walkest upon the wings of the wind;
4 Who makest winds Thy messengers,
The flaming fire Thy ministers.

5 Who didst establish the earth upon its foundations,
That it should not be moved for ever and ever;
6 Thou didst cover it with the deep as with a vesture;
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At Thy rebuke they fled,
At the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away—
8 The mountains rose, the valleys sank down—
Unto the place which Thou hadst founded for them;
9 Thou didst set a bound which they should not pass over,
That they might not return to cover the earth.

10 Who sendest forth springs into the valleys;
They run between the mountains;
11 They give drink to every beast of the field,
The wild asses quench their thirst.

12Beside them dwell the fowl of the
heaven,
From among the branches they sing.
13Who waterest the mountains from
Thine upper chambers;
The earth is full of the fruit of Thy
works.

14Who causeth the grass to spring up
for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man;
To bring forth bread out of the earth,
15And wine that maketh glad the
heart of man,
Making the face brighter than oil,
And bread that stayeth man's heart.
16The trees of the Lord have their
fill,
The cedars of Lebanon, which He
hath planted;
17Wherein the birds make their
nests;
As for the stork, the fir-trees are her
house.
18The high mountains are for the
wild goats;
The rocks are a refuge for the
conies.

19Who appointedst the moon for
seasons;
The sun knoweth his going down.
20Thou makest darkness, and it is
night,
Wherein all the beasts of the forest
do creep forth.
21The young lions roar after their
prey,
And seek their food from God.
22The sun ariseth, they slink away,
And couch in their dens.
23Man goeth forth unto his work
And to his labour until the evening.

24How manifold are Thy works, O
Lord!
In wisdom hast Thou made them all;
The earth is full of Thy creatures.
25Yonder sea, great and wide,
Therein are creeping things
innumerable,
Living creatures, both small and
great.
26There go the ships;
There is leviathan, whom Thou hast
formed to sport therein.
27All of them wait for Thee,
That Thou mayest give them their
food in due season.
28Thou givest it unto them, they
gather it;
Thou openest Thy hand, they are
satisfied with good.
29Thou hidest Thy face, they vanish;
Thou withdrawest their breath, they
perish,
And return to their dust.
30Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they
are created;
And Thou renewest the face of the
earth.

31May the glory of the Lord endure
for ever;
Let the Lord rejoice in His works!
32Who looketh on the earth, and it
trembleth;

He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have any being.
34 Let my musing be sweet unto Him;
As for me, I will rejoice in the LORD.
35 Let sinners cease out of the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
[a]Hallelujah.

105 O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon His name;
Make known His doings among the peoples.
2 Sing unto Him, sing praises unto Him;
Speak ye of all His marvellous works.
3 Glory ye in His holy name;
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
4 Seek ye the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face continually.
5 Remember His marvellous works that He hath done,
His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham His servant,
Ye children of Jacob, His chosen ones.

7 He is the LORD our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered His covenant for ever,
The word which He commanded to a thousand generations;
9 [The covenant] which He made with Abraham,
And His oath unto Isaac;
10 And He established it unto Jacob for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant;
11 Saying: 'Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance.'

12 When they were but a few men in number.
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it,
13 And when they went about from nation to nation,
From one kingdom to another people,
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong,
Yea, for their sake He reproved kings:
15 'Touch not Mine anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm.'

16 And He called a famine upon the land;
He broke the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them;
Joseph was sold for a servant;
18 His feet they hurt with fetters,
His person was laid in iron;
19 Until the time that his word came to pass,

[a] That is, *Praise ye the LORD.*

The word of the Lord tested him.
[20]The king sent and loosed him;
Even the ruler of the peoples, and set him free.
[21]He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his possessions;
[22]To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.

[23]Israel also came into Egypt;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.
[24]And He increased His people greatly,
And made them too mighty for their adversaries.
[25]He turned their heart to hate His people,
To deal craftily with His servants.
[26]He sent Moses His servant,
And Aaron whom He had chosen.
[27]They wrought among them His manifold signs,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
[28]He sent darkness, and it was dark;
And they rebelled not against His word.
[29]He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
[30]Their land swarmed with frogs,
In the chambers of their kings.
[31]He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
And gnats in all their borders.
[32]He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
[33]He smote their vines also and their fig-trees;
And broke the trees of their borders.
[34]He spoke, and the locust came,
And the canker-worm without number,
[35]And did eat up every herb in their land,
And did eat up the fruit of their ground.
[36]He smote also all the first-born in their land,
The first-fruits of all their strength.
[37]And He brought them forth with silver and gold;
And there was none that stumbled among His tribes.
[38]Egypt was glad when they departed;
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

[39]He spread a cloud for a screen;
And fire to give light in the night.
[40]They asked, and He brought quails,
And gave them in plenty the bread of heaven.
[41]He opened the rock, and waters gushed out;
They ran, a river in the dry places.
[42]For He remembered His holy word
Unto Abraham His servant;
[43]And He brought forth His people with joy,
His chosen ones with singing.
[44]And He gave them the lands of the nations,
And they took the labour of the peoples in possession;
[45]That they might keep His statutes,
And observe His laws.

Hallelujah.

# 106

Hallelujah.
O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good;
For His mercy endureth for ever.
2 Who can express the mighty acts of the LORD,
Or make all His praise to be heard?
3 Happy are they that keep justice,
That do righteousness at all times.
4 Remember me, O LORD, when Thou favourest Thy people;
O think of me at Thy salvation;
5 That I may behold the prosperity of Thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,
That I may glory with Thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have done iniquitously, we have dealt wickedly.
7 Our fathers in Egypt gave no heed unto Thy wonders;
They remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies;
But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.
8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake,
That He might make His mighty power to be known.
9 And He rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up;
And He led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.
10 And He saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their adversaries;
There was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they His words;
They sang His praise.

13 They soon forgot His works;
They waited not for His counsel;
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tried God in the desert.
15 And He gave them their request;
But sent leanness into their soul.

16 They were jealous also of Moses in the camp,
And of Aaron the holy one of the LORD.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,
And covered the company of Abiram.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshipped a molten image.
20 Thus they exchanged their glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.
21 They forgot God their saviour,
Who had done great things in Egypt;
22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,

Terrible things by the Red Sea.
23 Therefore He said that He would destroy them,
Had not Moses His chosen stood before Him in the breach,
To turn back His wrath, lest He should destroy them.

24 Moreover, they scorned the desirable land,
They believed not His word;
25 And they murmured in their tents,
They hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD.
26 Therefore He swore concerning them,
That He would overthrow them in the wilderness;
27 And that He would cast out their seed among the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baal of Peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
29 Thus they provoked Him with their doings,
And the plague broke in upon them.
30 Then stood up Phinehas, and wrought judgment,
And so the plague was stayed.
31 And that was counted unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for ever.

32 They angered Him also at the waters of Meribah,
And it went ill with Moses because of them;
33 For they embittered his spirit,
And he spoke rashly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As the LORD commanded them;
35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works;
36 And they served their idols,
Which became a snare unto them;
37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,
38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood.
39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
And went astray in their doings.
40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against His people,
And He abhorred His inheritance.
41 And He gave them into the hand of the nations;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were subdued under their hand.
43 Many times did He deliver them;
But they were rebellious in their counsel,
And sank low through their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress,

When He heard their cry;
45And He remembered for them His covenant,
And repented according to the multitude of His mercies.
46He made them also to be pitied
Of all those that carried them captive.

47Save us, O Lord our God,
And gather us from among the nations,
That we may give thanks unto Thy holy name,
That we may triumph in Thy praise.

48Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting,
And let all the people say: 'Amen.'
Hallelujah.

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# BOOK V

107 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth for ever.'
2So let the redeemed of the Lord say,
Whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary;
3And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east and from the west,
From the north and from the sea.
4They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
They found no city of habitation.
5Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
6Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He delivered them out of their distresses.
7And He led them by a straight way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
8Let them give thanks unto the Lord for His mercy,
And for His wonderful works to the children of men!
9For He hath satisfied the longing soul,
And the hungry soul He hath filled with good.

10Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron—
11Because they rebelled against the words of God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most High.
12Therefore He humbled their heart with travail,
They stumbled, and there was none to help—
13They cried unto the Lord in their trouble,
And He saved them out of their distresses.
14He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
And broke their bands in sunder.

15Let them give thanks unto the
LORD for His mercy,
And for His wonderful works to the
children of men!
16For He hath broken the gates of
brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17Crazed because of the way of their
transgression,
And afflicted because of their
iniquities—
18Their soul abhorred all manner of
food,
And they drew near unto the gates
of death—
19They cried unto the LORD in their
trouble,
And He saved them out of their
distresses;
20He sent His word, and healed
them,
And delivered them from their
graves.
21Let them give thanks unto the
LORD for His mercy,
And for His wonderful works to the
children of men!
22And let them offer the sacrifices of
thanksgiving,
And declare His works with singing.

23They that go down to the sea in
ships,
That do business in great waters—
24These saw the works of the LORD,
And His wonders in the deep;
25For He commanded, and raised the
stormy wind,
Which lifted up the waves thereof;
26They mounted up to the heaven,
they went down to the deeps;
Their soul melted away because of
trouble;
27They reeled to and fro, and
staggered like a drunken man,
And all their wisdom was
swallowed up—
28They cried unto the LORD in their
trouble,
And He brought them out of their
distresses.
29He made the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof were still.
30Then were they glad because they
were quiet,
And He led them unto their desired
haven.
31Let them give thanks unto the
LORD for His mercy,
And for His wonderful works to the
children of men!
32Let them exalt Him also in the
assembly of the people,
And praise Him in the seat of the
elders.
33He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And watersprings into a thirsty
ground;
34A fruitful land into a salt waste,
For the wickedness of them that
dwell therein.

35He turneth a wilderness into a pool
of water,
And a dry land into watersprings.
36And there He maketh the hungry
to dwell,

And they establish a city of habitation;
37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards,
Which yield fruits of increase.
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly,
And suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are minished and dwindle away
Through oppression of evil and sorrow.
40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
41 Yet setteth He the needy on high from affliction,
And maketh his families like a flock.
42 The upright see it, and are glad;
And all iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

43 Whoso is wise, let him observe these things,
And let them consider the mercies of the Lord.

## 108

A Song, a Psalm of David.

2 My heart is steadfast, O God;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with my glory.
3 Awake, psaltery and harp;
I will awake the dawn.
4 I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, among the peoples;
And I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
5 For Thy mercy is great above the heavens,
And Thy truth reacheth unto the skies.
6 Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;
And Thy glory be above all the earth.
7 That Thy beloved may be delivered,
Save with Thy right hand, and answer me.

8 God spoke in His holiness, that I would exult;
That I would divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
9 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim also is the defence of my head;
Judah is my sceptre.
10 Moab is my washpot;
Upon Edom do I cast my shoe;
Over Philistia do I cry aloud.
11 Who will bring me into the fortified city?
Who will lead me unto Edom?
12 Hast not Thou cast us off, O God?
And Thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts?
13 Give us help against the adversary;
For vain is the help of man.
14 Through God we shall do valiantly;
For He it is that will tread down our adversaries.

109 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

O God of my praise, keep not
silence;
[2]For the mouth of the wicked and
the mouth of deceit have they
opened against me;
They have spoken unto me with a
lying tongue.
[3]They compassed me about also
with words of hatred,
And fought against me without a
cause.
[4]In return for my love they are my
adversaries;
But I am all prayer.
[5]And they have laid upon me evil
for good,
And hatred for my love:

[6]'Set Thou a wicked man over him;
And let an adversary stand at his
right hand.
[7]When he is judged, let him go forth
condemned;
And let his prayer be turned into sin.
[8]Let his days be few;
Let another take his charge.
[9]Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.
[10]Let his children be vagabonds, and
beg;
And let them seek their bread out of
their desolate places.
[11]Let the creditor distrain all that he
hath;
And let strangers make spoil of his
labour.
[12]Let there be none to extend
kindness unto him;
Neither let there be any to be
gracious unto his fatherless
children.
[13]Let his posterity be cut off;
In the generation following let their
name be blotted out.
[14]Let the iniquity of his fathers be
brought to remembrance unto the
LORD;
And let not the sin of his mother be
blotted out.
[15]Let them be before the LORD
continually,
That He may cut off the memory of
them from the earth.
[16]Because that he remembered not to
do kindness,
But persecuted the poor and needy
man,
And the broken in heart he was
ready to slay.
[17]Yea, he loved cursing, and it came
unto him;
And he delighted not in blessing,
and it is far from him.
[18]He clothed himself also with
cursing as with his raiment,
And it is come into his inward parts
like water,
And like oil into his bones.
[19]Let it be unto him as the garment
which he putteth on,
And for the girdle wherewith he is
girded continually.'

[20]This would mine adversaries effect
from the LORD,

And they that speak evil against my soul.
21But Thou, O GOD the Lord, deal with me for Thy name's sake;
Because Thy mercy is good, deliver Thou me.
22For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
23I am gone like the shadow when it lengtheneth;
I am shaken off as the locust.
24My knees totter through fasting;
And my flesh is lean, and hath no fatness.
25I am become also a taunt unto them;
When they see me, they shake their head.

26Help me, O LORD my God;
O save me according to Thy mercy;
27That they may know that this is Thy hand;
That Thou, LORD, hast done it.
28Let them curse, but bless Thou;
When they arise, they shall be put to shame, but Thy servant shall rejoice.
29Mine adversaries shall be clothed with confusion,
And shall put on their own shame as a robe.
30I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my mouth;
Yea, I will praise Him among the multitude;
31Because He standeth at the right hand of the needy,
To save him from them that judge his soul.

## 110

A Psalm of David.

The LORD saith unto my lord: ‘Sit thou at My right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'
2The rod of Thy strength the LORD will send out of Zion:
'Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.'
3Thy people offer themselves willingly in the day of thy warfare;
In adornments of holiness, from the womb of the dawn,
Thine is the dew of thy youth.

4The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent:
'Thou art a priest for ever
After the manner of Melchizedek.'
5The Lord at thy right hand
Doth crush kings in the day of His wrath.
6He will judge among the nations;
He filleth it with the dead bodies,
He crusheth the head over a wide land.
7He will drink of the brook in the way;
Therefore will he lift up the head.

## 111

Hallelujah.

א I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart,

ב In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.
ג 2The works of the LORD are great,
ד Sought out of all them that have delight therein.
ה 3His work is glory and majesty;
ו And His righteousness endureth for ever.
ז 4He hath made a memorial for His wonderful works;
ח The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
ט 5He hath given food unto them that fear Him;
י He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
כ 6He hath declared to His people the power of His works,
ל In giving them the heritage of the nations.
מ 7The works of His hands are truth and justice;
נ All His precepts are sure.
ס 8They are established for ever and ever,
ע They are done in truth and uprightness.
פ 9He hath sent redemption unto His people;
צ He hath commanded His covenant for ever;
ק Holy and awful is His name.
ר 10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
ש A good understanding have all they that do thereafter;
ת His praise endureth for ever.

# 112

Hallelujah.

א Happy is the man that feareth the LORD,
ב That delighteth greatly in His commandments.
ג 2His seed shall be mighty upon earth;
ד The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
ה 3Wealth and riches are in his house;
ו And his merit endureth for ever.
ז 4Unto the upright He shineth as a light in the darkness,
ח Gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
ט 5Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth,
י That ordereth his affairs rightfully.
כ 6For he shall never be moved;
ל The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.
מ 7He shall not be afraid of evil tidings;
נ His heart is stedfast, trusting in the LORD.
ס 8His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
ע Until he gaze upon his adversaries.
פ 9He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the needy;
צ His righteousness endureth for ever;
ק His horn shall be exalted in honour.
ר 10The wicked shall see it, and be vexed;
ש He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away;
ת The desire of the wicked shall perish.

# 113

Hallelujah.
Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD.
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and for ever.
3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof
The LORD's name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations,
His glory is above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,
That is enthroned on high,
6 That looketh down low
Upon heaven and upon the earth?

7 Who raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth up the needy out of the dunghill;
8 That He may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of His people.
9 Who maketh the barren woman to dwell in her house
As a joyful mother of children.
Hallelujah.

# 114

When Israel came forth out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah became His sanctuary,
Israel His dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled;
The Jordan turned backward.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The hills like young sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest backward?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams;
Ye hills, like young sheep?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

# 115

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But unto Thy name give glory,
For Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore should the nations say:
'Where is now their God?'

3 But our God is in the heavens;
Whatsoever pleased Him He hath done.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
6 They have ears, but they hear not;
Noses have they, but they smell not;
7 They have hands, but they handle not;
Feet have they, but they walk not;
Neither speak they with their throat.

8 They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield!
10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield!
11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.

12 The Lord hath been mindful of us, He will bless—
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless them that fear the Lord,
Both small and great.
14 The Lord increase you more and more,
You and your children.
15 Blessed be ye of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord;
But the earth hath He given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not the Lord,
Neither any that go down into silence;
18 But we will bless the Lord
From this time forth and for ever.
Hallelujah.

# 116

I love that the Lord should hear
Mmy voice and my supplications.
2 Because He hath inclined His ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon Him all my days.

3 The cords of death compassed me,
And the straits of the nether-world got hold upon me;
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 But I called upon the name of the Lord:
'I beseech thee, O Lord, deliver my soul.'
5 Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
Yea, our God is compassionate.
6 The Lord preserveth the simple;
I was brought low, and He saved me.

7 Return, O my soul, unto Thy rest;
For the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from stumbling.
9 I shall walk before the Lord
In the lands of the living.
10 I trusted even when I spoke:
'I am greatly afflicted.'
11 I said in my haste:
'All men are liars.'

12 How can I repay unto the Lord
All His bountiful dealings toward me?
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation,

And call upon the name of the Lord.
14My vows will I pay unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all His people.

15Precious in the sight of the Lord
Is the death of His saints.
16I beseech Thee, O Lord, for I am Thy servant;
I am Thy servant, the son of Thy handmaid;
Thou hast loosed my bands.
17I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the Lord.
18I will pay my vows unto the Lord,
Yea, in the presence of all His people;
19In the courts of the Lord'S house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah.

117 O praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Laud Him, all ye peoples.
2For His mercy is great toward us;
And the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.
Hallelujah.

118 'O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
2So let Israel now say,
For His mercy endureth for ever,
3So let the house of Aaron now say,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
4So let them now that fear the Lord say,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

5Out of my straits I called upon the Lord;
He answered me with great enlargement.
6The Lord is for me; I will not fear;
What can man do unto me?
7The Lord is for me as my helper;
And I shall gaze upon them that hate me.
8It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to trust in man.
9It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Than to trust in princes.
10All nations compass me about;
Verily, in the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
11They compass me about, yea, they compass me about;
Verily, in the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
12They compass me about like bees;
They are quenched as the fire of thorns;
Verily, in the name of the Lord I will cut them off.
13Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall;
But the Lord helped me.
14The Lord is my strength and song;
And He is become my salvation.
15The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous;

The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
16The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
The right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.
17I shall not die, but live,
And declare the works of the Lord.
18The Lord hath chastened me sore;
But He hath not given me over unto death.
19Open to me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto the Lord.
20This is the gate of the Lord;
The righteous shall enter into it.
21I will give thanks unto Thee, for Thou hast answered me,
And art become my salvation.

22The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the chief corner-stone.

23This is the Lord’S doing;
It is marvellous in our eyes.

24This is the day which the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25We beseech Thee, O Lord, save now!
We beseech Thee, O Lord, make us now to prosper!

26Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord;
We bless you out of the house of the Lord.

27The Lord is God, and hath given us light;
Order the festival procession with boughs, even unto the horns of the altar.

28Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto Thee;
Thou art my God, I will exalt Thee.

29O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

# 119

## א ALEPH.

Happy are they that are upright in the way,
Who walk in the law of the Lord.
2Happy are they that keep His testimonies,
That seek Him with the whole heart.
3Yea, they do no unrighteousness;
They walk in His ways.
4Thou hast ordained Thy precepts,
That we should observe them diligently.
5Oh that my ways were directed
To observe Thy statutes!
6Then should I not be ashamed,
When I have regard unto all Thy commandments.
7I will give thanks unto Thee with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Thy righteous ordinances.

8
I will observe Thy statutes;
O forsake me not utterly.

## ב BETH.

9
Wherewithal shall a young man keep his way pure?
By taking heed thereto according to Thy word.
10
With my whole heart have I sought Thee;
O let me not err from Thy commandments.
11
Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against Thee.
12
Blessed art Thou, O LORD;
Teach me Thy statutes.
13
With my lips have I told
All the ordinances of Thy mouth.
14
I have rejoiced in the way of Thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15
I will meditate in Thy precepts,
And have respect unto Thy ways.
16
I will delight myself in Thy statutes;
I will not forget Thy word.

## ג GIMEL.

17
Deal bountifully with Thy servant that I may live,
And I will observe Thy word.
18
Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold
Wondrous things out of Thy law.
19
I am a sojourner in the earth;
Hide not Thy commandments from me.
20
My soul breaketh for the longing
That it hath unto Thine ordinances at all times.
21
Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,
That do err from Thy commandments.
22
Take away from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept Thy testimonies.
23
Even though princes sit and talk against me,
Thy servant doth meditate in Thy statutes.
24
Yea, Thy testimonies are my delight,
They are my counsellors.

## ד DALETH.

25
My soul cleaveth unto the dust;
Quicken Thou me according to Thy word.
26
I told of my ways, and Thou didst answer me;
Teach me Thy statutes.
27
Make me to understand the way of Thy precepts,
That I may talk of Thy wondrous works.
28
My soul melteth away for heaviness;
Sustain me according unto Thy word.
29
Remove from me the way of falsehood;
And grant me Thy law graciously.
30
I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

Thine ordinances have I set [before me].
31 I cleave unto Thy testimonies;
O Lord, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of Thy commandments,
For Thou dost enlarge my heart.

## ה HE.

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes;
And I will keep it at every step.
34 Give me understanding, that I keep Thy law
And observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to tread in the path of Thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto Thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
And quicken me in Thy ways.
38 Confirm Thy word unto Thy servant,
Which pertaineth unto the fear of Thee.
39 Turn away my reproach which I dread;
For Thine ordinances are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after Thy precepts;
Quicken me in Thy righteousness.

## ו VAU.

41 Let Thy mercies also come unto me, O Lord,
Even Thy salvation, according to Thy word;
42 That I may have an answer for him that taunteth me;
For I trust in Thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
For I hope in Thine ordinances;
44 So shall I observe Thy law continually
For ever and ever;
45 And I will walk at ease,
For I have sought Thy precepts;
46 I will also speak of Thy testimonies before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in Thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 I will lift up my hands also unto Thy commandments, which I have loved;
And I will meditate in Thy statutes.

## ז ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto Thy servant,
Because Thou hast made me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction,
That Thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision;
Yet have I not turned aside from Thy law.
52 I have remembered Thine ordinances which are of old, O Lord,
And have comforted myself.

53 Burning indignation hath taken hold upon me, because of the wicked
That forsake Thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered Thy name, O LORD, in the night,
And have observed Thy law.
56 This I have had,
That I have kept Thy precepts.

### ח HETH.

57 My portion is the LORD,
I have said that I would observe Thy words.
58 I have entreated Thy favour with my whole heart;
Be gracious unto me according to Thy word.
59 I considered my ways,
And turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not,
To observe Thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have enclosed me;
But I have not forgotten Thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee
Because of Thy righteous ordinances.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear Thee,
And of them that observe Thy precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of Thy mercy;
Teach me Thy statutes.

### ט TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with Thy servant,
O LORD, according unto Thy word.
66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge;
For I have believed in Thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted, I did err;
But now I observe Thy word.
68 Thou art good, and doest good;
Teach me Thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me;
But I with my whole heart will keep Thy precepts.
70 Their heart is gross like fat;
But I delight in Thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted,
In order that I might learn Thy statutes.
72 The law of Thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

### י IOD.

73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.
74 They that fear Thee shall see me and be glad,
Because I have hope in Thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments are righteous,
And that in faithfulness Thou hast afflicted me.

76Let, I pray Thee, Thy
lovingkindness be ready to
comfort me,
According to Thy promise unto Thy
servant.
77Let Thy tender mercies come unto
me, that I may live;
For Thy law is my delight.
78Let the proud be put to shame, for
they have distorted my cause with
falsehood;
But I will meditate in Thy precepts.
79Let those that fear Thee return
unto me,
And they that know Thy
testimonies.
80Let my heart be undivided in Thy
statutes,
In order that I may not be put to
shame.

### כ CAPH.

81My soul pineth for Thy salvation;
In Thy word do I hope.
82Mine eyes fail for Thy word,
Saying: 'When wilt Thou comfort
me?'
83For I am become like a wine-skin
in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget Thy statutes.
84How many are the days of Thy
servant?
When wilt Thou execute judgment
on them that persecute me?
85The proud have digged pits for me,
Which is not according to Thy law.
86All Thy commandments are
faithful;
They persecute me for nought; help
Thou me.
87They had almost consumed me
upon earth;
But as for me, I forsook not Thy
precepts.
88Quicken me after Thy
lovingkindness,
And I will observe the testimony of
Thy mouth.

### ל LAMED.

89For ever, O LORD,
Thy word standeth fast in heaven.
90Thy faithfulness is unto all
generations;
Thou hast established the earth, and
it standeth.
91They stand this day according to
Thine ordinances;
For all things are Thy servants.
92Unless Thy law had been my
delight,
I should then have perished in mine
affliction.
93I will never forget Thy precepts;
For with them Thou hast quickened
me.
94I am Thine, save me;
For I have sought Thy precepts.
95The wicked have waited for me to
destroy me;
But I will consider Thy testimonies.
96I have seen an end to every
purpose;
But Thy commandment is exceeding
broad.

### מ MEM.

97 O how love I Thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.
98 Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies:
For they are ever with me.
99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;
For Thy testimonies are my meditation.
100 I understand more than mine elders,
Because I have keep Thy precepts.
101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
In order that I might observe Thy word.
102 I have not turned aside from Thine ordinances;
For Thou hast instructed me.
103 How sweet are Thy words unto my palate!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
104 From Thy precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.

### נ NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And a light unto my path.
106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
To observe Thy righteous ordinances.
107 I am afflicted very much;
Quicken me, O Lord, according unto Thy word.
108 Accept, I beseech Thee, the freewill-offerings of my mouth, O Lord,
And teach me Thine ordinances.
109 My soul is continually in my hand;
Yet have I not forgotten Thy law.
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me;
Yet went I not astray from Thy precepts.
111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever;
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.
112 I have inclined my heart to perform Thy statutes,
For ever, at every step.

### ס SAMECH.

113 I hate them that are of a double mind;
But Thy law do I love.
114 Thou art my covert and my shield;
In Thy word do I hope.
115 Depart from me, ye evildoers;
That I may keep the commandments of my God.
116 Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live;
And put me not to shame in my hope.
117 Support Thou me, and I shall be saved;
And I will occupy myself with Thy statutes continually.
118 Thou hast made light of all them that err from Thy statutes;

For their deceit is vain.
119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross;
Therefore I love Thy testimonies.
120 My flesh shuddereth for fear of Thee;
And I am afraid of Thy judgments.

### ע AIN.

121 I have done justice and righteousness;
Leave me not to mine oppressors.
122 Be surety for Thy servant for good;
Let not the proud oppress me.
123 Mine eyes fail for Thy salvation,
And for Thy righteous word.
124 Deal with Thy servant according unto Thy mercy,
And teach me Thy statutes.
125 I am Thy servant, give me understanding,
That I may know Thy testimonies.
126 It is time for the LORD to work;
They have made void Thy law.
127 Therefore I love Thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.
128 Therefore I esteem all [Thy] precepts concerning all things to be right;
Every false way I hate.

### פ PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore doth my soul keep them.
130 The opening of Thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.
131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted;
For I longed for Thy commandments.
132 Turn Thee towards me, and be gracious unto me,
As is Thy wont to do unto those that love Thy name.
133 Order my footsteps by Thy word;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from the oppression of man,
And I will observe Thy precepts.
135 Make Thy face to shine upon Thy servant;
And teach me Thy statutes.
136 Mine eyes run down with rivers of water,
Because they observe not Thy law.

### צ TZADE.

137 Righteous art Thou, O LORD,
And upright are Thy judgments.
138 Thou hast commanded Thy testimonies in righteousness
And exceeding faithfulness.
139 My zeal hath undone me,
Because mine adversaries have forgotten Thy words.
140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost,
And Thy servant loveth it.
141 I am small and despised;
Yet have I not forgotten Thy precepts.
142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

And Thy law is truth.
143 Trouble and anguish have overtaken me;
Yet Thy commandments are my delight.
144 Thy testimonies are righteous for ever;
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

## ק KOPH.

145 I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O Lord;
I will keep Thy statutes.
146 I have called Thee, save me,
And I will observe Thy testimonies.
147 I rose early at dawn, and cried;
I hoped in Thy word.
148 Mine eyes forestalled the night-watches,
That I might meditate in Thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto Thy lovingkindness;
Quicken me, O Lord, as Thou art wont.
150 They draw nigh that follow after wickedness;
They are far from Thy law.
151 Thou art nigh, O Lord;
And all Thy commandments are truth.
152 Of old have I known from Thy testimonies
That Thou hast founded them for ever.

## ר RESH.

53 O see mine affliction, and rescue me;
For I do not forget Thy law.
154 Plead Thou my cause, and redeem me;
Quicken me according to Thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not Thy statutes.
156 Great are Thy compassions, O Lord;
Quicken me as Thou art wont.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries;
Yet have I not turned aside from Thy testimonies.
158 I beheld them that were faithless, and strove with them;
Because they observed not Thy word.
159 O see how I love Thy precepts;
Quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy lovingkindness.
160 The beginning of Thy word is truth;
And all Thy righteous ordinance endureth for ever.

## ש SHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause;
But my heart standeth in awe of Thy words.
162 I rejoice at Thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood;
Thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise
Thee,
Because of Thy righteous
ordinances.
165 Great peace have they that love
Thy law;
And there is no stumbling for them.
166 I have hoped for Thy salvation, O
LORD,
And have done Thy
commandments.
167 My soul hath observed Thy
testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have observed Thy precepts and
Thy testimonies;
For all my ways are before Thee.

### ת TAU.

169 Let my cry come near before
Thee, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to
Thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before
Thee;
Deliver me according to Thy word.
171 Let my lips utter praise:
Because Thou teachest me Thy
statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of Thy word;
For all Thy commandments are
righteousness.
173 Let Thy hand be ready to help
me;
For I have chosen Thy precepts.
174 I have longed for Thy salvation,
O LORD;
And Thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall
praise Thee;
And let Thine ordinances help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost
sheep; seek Thy servant;
For I have not forgotten Thy
commandments.

## 120

A Song of Ascents.

In my distress I called unto the
LORD,
And He answered me.
2 O LORD, deliver my soul from lying
lips,
From a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee, and
what shall be done more unto
thee,
Thou deceitful tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty,
With coals of broom.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn with
Meshech,
That I dwell beside the tents of
Kedar!
6 My soul hath full long had her
dwelling
With him that hateth peace.
7 I am all peace;
But when I speak, they are for war.

## 121

A Song of Ascents.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the
mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
2 My help cometh from the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth.

3He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4Behold, He that keepeth Israel
Doth neither slumber nor sleep.

5The LORD is thy keeper;
The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.

7The LORD shall keep thee from all evil;
He shall keep thy soul.
8The LORD shall guard thy going out and thy coming in,
From this time forth and for ever.

# 122

A Song of Ascents; of David.

I rejoiced when they said unto me:
'Let us go unto the house of the LORD.'
2Our feet are standing
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem;
3Jerusalem, that art builded
As a city that is compact together;
4Whither the tribes went up, even the tribes of the LORD,
As a testimony unto Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
5For there were set thrones for judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.

6Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
May they prosper that love thee.
7Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
8For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say: 'Peace be within thee.'
9For the sake of the house of the LORD our God
I will seek thy good.

# 123

A Song of Ascents.

Unto Thee I lift up mine eyes,
O Thou that art enthroned in the heavens.
2Behold, as the eyes of servants unto the hand of their master,
As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;
So our eyes look unto the LORD our God,
Until He be gracious unto us.

3Be gracious unto us, O LORD, be gracious unto us;
For we are full sated with contempt.
4Our soul is full sated
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud oppressors.

# 124

A Song of Ascents; of David.

'If it had not been the LORD who was for us',
Let Israel now say;
2'If it had not been the LORD who was for us,
When men rose up against us,
3Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us;
4Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul;
5Then the proud waters
Had gone over our soul.'

6Blessed be the LORD,
Wo hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
7Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers;
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

## 125 A Song of Ascents.

They that trust in the LORD
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.
2As the mountains are round about Jerusalem,
So the LORD is round about His people,
From this time forth and for ever.
3For the rod of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous;
That the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity.

4Do good, O LORD, unto the good,
And to them that are upright in their hearts.
5But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways,
The LORD will lead them away with the workers of iniquity.
Peace be upon Israel.

## 126 A Song of Ascents.

When the LORD brought back those that returned to Zion,
We were like unto them that dream.
2Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing;
Then said they among the nations:
'The LORD hath done great things with these.'
3The LORD hath done great things with us;
We are rejoiced.

4Turn our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the dry land.
5They that sow in tears
Shall reap in joy.
6Though he goeth on his way weeping that beareth the measure of seed,
He shall come home with joy, bearing his sheaves.

## 127 A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it;
Except the LORD keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
2 It is vain for you that ye rise early, and sit up late,
Ye that eat the bread of toil;
So He giveth unto His beloved in sleep.

3 Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD;
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of one's youth.
5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them;
They shall not be put to shame,
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

## 128 A Song of Ascents.

Happy is every one that feareth the LORD,
That walketh in His ways.
2 When thou eatest the labour of thy hands,
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine, in the innermost parts of thy house;
Thy children like olive plants, round about thy table.
4 Behold, surely thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the LORD.

5 The LORD bless thee out of Zion;
And see thou the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life;
6 And see thy children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

## 129 A Song of Ascents.

'Much have they afflicted me from my youth up',
Let Israel now say;
2 'Much have they afflicted me from my youth up;
But they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.
4 The LORD is righteous;
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.'

5 Let them be ashamed and turned backward,
All they that hate Zion.
6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth afore it springeth up;
7 Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither do they that go by say:
‘The blessing of the LORD be upon you;

We bless you in the name of the
Lord.'

## 130

A Song of Ascents.

Out of the depths have I called Thee, O Lord.
2 Lord, hearken unto my voice;
Let Thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.

3 If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Lord, who could stand?
4 For with Thee there is forgiveness,
That Thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
And in His word do I hope.
6 My soul waiteth for the Lord,
More than watchmen for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord;
For with the Lord there is mercy,
And with Him is plenteous redemption.
8 And He will redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

## 131

A Song of Ascents; of David.

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I exercise myself in things too great, or in things too wonderful for me.
2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother;
My soul is with me like a weaned child.

3 O Israel, hope in the Lord
From this time forth and for ever.

## 132

A Song of Ascents.

Lord, remember unto David
All his affliction;
2 How he swore unto the Lord,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
3 'Surely I will not come into the tent of my house,
Nor go up into the bed that is spread for me;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Nor slumber to mine eyelids;
5 Until I find out a place for the Lord,
A dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

6 Lo, we heard of it as being in Ephrath;
We found it in the field of [a]the wood.
7 Let us go into His dwelling-place;
Let us worship at His footstool.

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[a] Heb. *Joar*. See 1 Chr, xiii. 5.

8 Arise, O LORD, unto Thy resting-place;
Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.
9 Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let Thy saints shout for joy.
10 For Thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of Thine anointed.

11 The LORD swore unto David in truth;
He will not turn back from it:
'Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children keep My covenant
And My testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children also for ever shall sit upon thy throne.'
13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for His habitation:
14 'This is My resting-place for ever;
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision;
I will give her needy bread in plenty.
16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation;
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make a horn to shoot up unto David,
There have I ordered a lamp for Mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame;
But upon himself shall his crown shine.'

## 133 A Song of Ascents; of David.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard;
Even Aaron's beard,
That cometh down upon the collar of his garments;
3 Like the dew of Hermon,
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the blessing,
Even life for ever.

## 134 A Song of Ascents.

Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD,
That stand in the house of the LORD in the night seasons.
2 Lift up your hands to the sanctuary,
And bless ye the LORD.

3 The LORD bless thee out of Zion;
Even He that made heaven and earth.

## 135 Hallelujah.

Praise ye the name of the LORD;

Give praise, O ye servants of the LORD,
2Ye that stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God.
3Praise ye the LORD, for the LORD is good;
Sing praises unto His name, for it is pleasant.
4For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto Himself,
And Israel for His own treasure.

5For I know that the LORD is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.
6Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that hath He done,
In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps;
7Who causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He maketh lightnings for the rain;
He bringeth forth the wind out of His treasuries.

8Who smote the first-born of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9He sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10Who smote many nations,
And slew mighty kings:
11Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan;
12And gave their land for a heritage,
A heritage unto Israel His people.

13O LORD, Thy name endureth for ever;
Thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.
14For the LORD will judge His people,
And repent Himself for His servants.
15The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
17They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

19O house of Israel, bless ye the LORD;
O house of Aaron, bless ye the LORD;
20O house of Levi, bless ye the LORD;
Ye that fear the LORD, bless ye the LORD.
21Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Hallelujah.

136 O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

2O give thanks unto the God of gods,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
3O give thanks unto the Lord of lords,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

4To Him who alone doeth great wonders,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
5To Him that by understanding made the heavens, for His mercy endureth for ever.
6To Him that spread forth the earth above the waters,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
7To Him that made great lights,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
8The sun to rule by day,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
9The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

10To Him that smote Egypt in their first-born,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
11And brought out Israel from among them,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
12With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
13To Him who divided the Red Sea in sunder,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
14And made Israel to pass through the midst of it,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
15But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
16To Him that led His people through the wilderness,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

17To Him that smote great kings;
For His mercy endureth for ever;
18And slew mighty kings,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
19Sihon king of the Amorites,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
20And Og king of Bashan,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
21And gave their land for a heritage,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
22Even a heritage unto Israel His servant,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

23Who remembered us in our low estate,
For His mercy endureth for ever;
24And hath delivered us from our adversaries,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
25Who giveth food to all flesh,
For His mercy endureth for ever.
26O give thanks unto the God of heaven,
For His mercy endureth for ever.

137 By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we wept,
When we remembered Zion.
2Upon the willows in the midst thereof

We hanged up our harps.
3 For there they that led us captive asked of us words of song,
And our tormentors asked of us mirth:
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song
In a foreign land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget her cunning.
6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
If I remember thee not;
If I set not Jerusalem
Above my chiefest joy.

7 Remember, O LORD, against the children of Edom
The day of Jerusalem;
Who said: 'Rase it, rase it,
Even to the foundation thereof.'
8 O daughter of Babylon, that art to be destroyed;
Happy shall he be, that repayeth thee
As thou hast served us.
9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little ones
Against the rock.

## 138 [A Psalm] of David.

I will give Thee thanks with my whole heart,
In the presence of the mighty will I sing praises unto Thee.
2 I will bow down toward Thy holy temple,
And give thanks unto Thy name for Thy mercy and for Thy truth;
For Thou hast magnified Thy word above all Thy name.
3 In the day that I called, Thou didst answer me;
Thou didst encourage me in my soul with strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall give Thee thanks, O LORD,
For they have heard the words of Thy mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD;
For great is the glory of the LORD.
6 For though the LORD be high, yet regardeth He the lowly,
And the haughty He knoweth from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou quickenest me;
Thou stretchest forth Thy hand against the wrath of mine enemies,
And Thy right hand doth save me.
8 The LORD will accomplish that which concerneth me;
Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever;
Forsake not the work of Thine own hands.

## 139 For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me.

[2]Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
[3]Thou measurest my going about and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
[4]For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.
[5]Thou hast hemmed me in behind and before,
And laid Thy hand upon me.
[6]Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
Too high, I cannot attain unto it.

[7]Whither shall I go from Thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence?
[8]If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there;
If I make my bed in the netherworld, behold, Thou art there.
[9]If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
[10]Even there would Thy hand lead me,
And Thy right hand would hold me.
[11]And if I say: 'Surely the darkness shall envelop me,
And the light about me shall be night';
[12]Even the darkness is not too dark for Thee,
But the night shineth as the day;
The darkness is even as the light.

[13]For Thou hast made my reins;
Thou hast knit me together in my mother's womb.
[14]I will give thanks unto Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Wonderful are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
[15]My frame was not hidden from Thee,
When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
[16]Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance,
And in Thy book they were all written—
Even the days that were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them.
[17]How weighty also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
[18]If I would count them, they are more in number than the sand;
Were I to come to the end of them, I would still be with Thee.

[19]If Thou but wouldest slay the wicked, O God—
Depart from me therefore, ye men of blood;
[20]Who utter Thy name with wicked thought,
They take it for falsehood, even Thine enemies—

21 Do not I hate them, O Lord, that hate Thee?
And do not I strive with those that rise up against Thee?
22 I hate them with utmost hatred;
I count them mine enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart,
Try me, and know my thoughts;
24 And see if there be any way in me that is grievous,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

# 140

For the Leader. A Psalm of David.

2 Deliver me, O Lord, from the evil man;
Preserve me from the violent man;
3 Who devise evil things in their heart;
Every day do they stir up wars.
4 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;
Vipers' venom is under their lips. Selah

5 Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from the violent man;
Who have purposed to make my steps slip.
6 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the wayside;
They have set gins for me. Selah

7 I have said unto the Lord: 'Thou art my God';
Give ear, O Lord, unto the voice of my supplications.
8 O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation,
Who hast screened my head in the day of battle,
9 Grant not, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;
Further not his evil device, so that they exalt themselves. Selah

10 As for the head of those that compass me about,
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
11 Let burning coals fall upon them;
Let them be cast into the fire,
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
12 A slanderer shall not be established in the earth;
The violent and evil man shall be hunted with thrust upon thrust.

13 I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the poor,
And the right of the needy.
14 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto Thy name;
The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

# 141

A Psalm of David.

Lord, I have called Thee; make haste unto me;

Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto Thee.
2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before Thee,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
3 Set a guard, O LORD, to my mouth;
Keep watch at the door of my lips.
4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing,
To be occupied in deeds of wickedness
With men that work iniquity;
And let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me in kindness, and correct me;
Oil so choice let not my head refuse;
For still is my prayer because of their wickedness.
6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;
And they shall hear my words, that they are sweet.
7 As when one cleaveth and breaketh up the earth,
Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth.

8 For mine eyes are unto Thee, O GOD the Lord;
In Thee have I taken refuge, O pour not out my soul.
9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst I withal escape.

# 142

Maschil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.

2 With my voice I cry unto the LORD;
With my voice I make supplication unto the LORD.
3 I pour out my complaint before Him,
I declare before Him my trouble;
4 When my spirit fainteth within me—
Thou knowest my path—
In the way wherein I walk
Have they hidden a snare for me.
5 Look on my right hand, and see,
For there is no man that knoweth me;
I have no way to flee;
No man careth for my soul.

6 I have cried unto Thee, O LORD;
I have said: 'Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.'
7 Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low;
Deliver me from my persecutors;
For they are too strong for me.
8 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may give thanks unto Thy name;
The righteous shall crown themselves because of me;
For Thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

# 143

A Psalm of David.

O LORD, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplications;
In Thy faithfulness answer me, and in Thy righteousness.
2 And enter not into judgment with Thy servant;
For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath crushed my life down to the ground;
He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
4 And my spirit fainteth within me;
My heart within me is appalled.

5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Thy doing;
I muse on the work of Thy hands.
6 I spread forth my hands unto Thee;
My soul [thirsteth] after Thee, as a weary land. Selah

7 Answer me speedily, O LORD,
My spirit faileth;
Hide not Thy face from me;
Lest I become like them that go down into the pit.
8 Cause me to hear Thy lovingkindness in the morning,
For in Thee do I trust;
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk,
For unto Thee have I lifted up my soul.
9 Deliver me from mine enemies, O LORD;
With Thee have I hidden myself.
10 Teach me to do Thy will,
For Thou art my God;
Let Thy good spirit
Lead me in an even land.
11 For Thy name's sake, O LORD, quicken me;
In Thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.
12 And in Thy mercy cut off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that harass my soul;
For I am Thy servant.

# 144

[A Psalm] of David.

Blessed be the LORD my Rock,
Who traineth my hands for war,
And my fingers for battle;
2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress,
My high tower, and my deliverer;
My shield, and He in whom I take refuge;
Who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what is man, that Thou takest knowledge of him?
Or the son of man, that Thou makest account of him?
4 Man is like unto a breath;
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
5 O LORD, bow Thy heavens, and come down;

Touch the mountains, that they may smoke.
6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them;
Send out Thine arrows, and discomfit them.
7 Stretch forth Thy hands from on high;
Rescue me, and deliver me out of many waters,
Out of the hand of strangers;
8 Whose mouth speaketh falsehood,
And their right hand is a right hand of lying.

9 O God, I will sing a new song unto Thee,
Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises unto Thee;
10 Who givest salvation unto kings,
Who rescuest David Thy servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of strangers,
Whose mouth speaketh falsehood,
And their right hand is a right hand of lying.

12 We whose sons are as plants grown up in their youth;
Whose daughters are as corner-pillars carved after the fashion of a palace;
13 Whose garners are full, affording all manner of store;
Whose sheep increase by thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
14 Whose oxen are well laden;
With no breach, and no going forth,
And no outcry in our broad places;
15 Happy is the people that is in such a case.
Yea, happy is the people whose God is the LORD.

## 145

[A Psalm of] praise; of David.

א I will extol Thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless Thy name for ever and ever.
ב 2 Every day will I bless Thee;
And I will praise Thy name for ever and ever.
ג 3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised;
And His greatness is unsearchable.
ד 4 One generation shall laud Thy works to another,
And shall declare Thy mighty acts.
ה 5 The glorious splendour of Thy majesty,
And Thy wondrous works, will I rehearse.
ו 6 And men shall speak of the might of Thy tremendous acts;
And I will tell of Thy greatness.
ז 7 They shall utter the fame of Thy great goodness,
And shall sing of Thy righteousness.
ח 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
ט 9 The LORD is good to all;

And His tender mercies are over all
His works.
י 10All Thy works shall praise Thee, O
LORD;
And Thy saints shall bless Thee.
כ 11They shall speak of the glory of
Thy kingdom,
And talk of Thy might;
ל 12To make known to the sons of men
His mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of His
kingdom.
מ 13Thy kingdom is a kingdom for all
ages,
And Thy dominion endureth
throughout all generations.
ס 14The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that are
bowed down.
ע 15The eyes of all wait for Thee,
And Thou givest them their food in
due season.
פ 16Thou openest Thy hand,
And satisfiest every living thing
with favour.
צ 17The LORD is righteous in all His
ways,
And gracious in all His works.
ק 18The LORD is nigh unto all them that
call upon Him,
To all that call upon Him in truth.
ר 19He will fulfil the desire of them
that fear Him;
He also will hear their cry, and will
save them.
ש 20The LORD preserveth all them that
love Him;
But all the wicked will He destroy.
ת 21My mouth shall speak the praise of
the LORD;
And let all flesh bless His holy
name for ever and ever.

146 Hallelujah.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.
2I will praise the LORD while I live;
I will sing praises unto my God
while I have my being.

3Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom
there is no help.
4His breath goeth forth, he returneth
to his dust;
In that very day his thoughts perish.
5Happy is he whose help is the God
of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God,
6Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that in them is;
Who keepeth truth for ever;
7Who executeth justice for the
oppressed;
Who giveth bread to the hungry.

The LORD looseth the prisoners;
8The LORD openeth the eyes of the
blind;
The LORD raiseth up them that are
bowed down;
The LORD loveth the righteous;
9The LORD preserveth the strangers;
He upholdeth the fatherless and the
widow;

But the way of the wicked He maketh crooked.
10The LORD will reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Hallelujah.

# 147

Hallelujah;
For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
2The LORD doth build up Jerusalem,
He gathereth together the dispersed of Israel;
3Who healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
4He counteth the number of the stars;
He giveth them all their names.
5Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
His understanding is infinite.
6The LORD upholdeth the humble;
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.
7Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving,
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God;
8Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh the mountains to spring with grass.
9He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
10He delighteth not in the strength of the horse;
He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear Him,
In those that wait for His mercy.

12Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
13For He hath made strong the bars of thy gates;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
14He maketh thy borders peace;
He giveth thee in plenty the fat of wheat.
15He sendeth out His commandment upon earth;
His word runneth very swiftly.
16He giveth snow like wool;
He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
17He casteth forth His ice like crumbs;
Who can stand before His cold?
18He sendeth forth His word, and melteth them;
He causeth His wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19He declareth His word unto Jacob,
His statutes and His ordinances unto Israel.
20He hath not dealt so with any nation;
And as for His ordinances, they have not known them.
Hallelujah.

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Hallelujah.
Praise ye the LORD from the

heavens;
Praise Him in the heights.
2 Praise ye Him, all His angels;
Praise ye Him, all His hosts.
3 Praise ye Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
4 Praise Him, ye heavens of heavens,
And ye waters that are above the heavens.
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD;
For He commanded, and they were created.
6 He hath also established them for ever and ever;
He hath made a decree which shall not be transgressed.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
Ye sea-monsters, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour,
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;
9 Mountains and all hills,
Fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle,
Creeping things and winged fowl;
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all judges of the earth;
12 Both young men and maidens,
Old men and children;
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For His name alone is exalted;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
14 And He hath lifted up a horn for His people,
A praise for all His saints,
Even for the children of Israel, a people near unto Him.
Hallelujah.

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Hallelujah.
Sing unto the LORD a new song,
And His praise in the assembly of the saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
3 Let them praise His name in the dance;
Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.
4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in His people;
He adorneth the humble with salvation.

5 Let the saints exult in glory;
Let them sing for joy upon their beds.
6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand;
7 To execute vengeance upon the nations,
And chastisements upon the peoples;
8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;
9 To execute upon them the judgment written;
He is the glory of all His saints.
Hallelujah.

150 Hallelujah.
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
2 Praise Him for His mighty acts;
Praise Him according to His abundant greatness.
3 Praise Him with the blast of the horn;
Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
4 Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;
Praise Him with stringed instruments and the pipe.
5 Praise Him with the loud-sounding cymbals;
Praise Him with the clanging cymbals.
6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Hallelujah.

# משלי

# PROVERBS

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
2 To know wisdom and instruction;
To comprehend the words of understanding;
3 To receive the discipline of wisdom,
Justice, and right, and equity;
4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion;
5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning,
And the man of understanding may attain unto wise counsels;
6 To understand a proverb, and a figure;
The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
But the foolish despise wisdom and discipline.

8 Hear, my son, the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the teaching of thy mother;
9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head,
And chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.
11 If they say: 'Come with us,
Let us lie in wait for blood,
Let us lurk for the innocent without cause;
12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave,
And whole, as those that go down into the pit;
13 We shall find all precious substance,
We shall fill our houses with spoil;
14 Cast in thy lot among us;
Let us all have one purse'—
15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them,
Restrain thy foot from their path;
16 For their feet run to evil,
A nd they make haste to shed blood.
17 For in vain the net is spread
In the eyes of any bird;
18 And these lie in wait for their own blood,
They lurk for their own lives.
19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain;
It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 Wisdom crieth aloud in the streets,
She uttereth her voice in the broad places;
21 She calleth at the head of the noisy streets,

At the entrances of the gates, in the city, she uttereth her words:
22'How long, ye thoughtless, will ye love thoughtlessness?
And how long will scorners delight them in scorning,
And fools hate knowledge?
23Turn you at my reproof;
Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,
I will make known my words unto you.
24Because I have called, and ye refused,
I have stretched out my hand, and no man attended,
25But ye have set at nought all my counsel,
And would none of my reproof;
26I also, in your calamity, will laugh,
I will mock when your dread cometh;
27When your dread cometh as a storm,
And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind;
When trouble and distress come upon you.
28Then will they call me, but I will not answer,
They will seek me earnestly, but they shall not find me.
29For that they hated knowledge,
And did not choose the fear of the LORD;
30They would none of my counsel,
They despised all my reproof.
31Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,
And be filled with their own devices.
32For the waywardness of the thoughtless shall slay them,
And the confidence of fools shall destroy them.
33But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely,
And shall be quiet without fear of evil.'

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee;
2So that thou make thine ear attend unto wisdom,
And thy heart incline to discernment;
3Yea, if thou call for understanding,
And lift up thy voice for discernment;
4If thou seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hid treasures;
5Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
6For the LORD giveth wisdom,
Out of His mouth cometh knowledge and discernment;
7He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright,
He is a shield to them that walk in integrity;
8That He may guard the paths of justice,
And preserve the way of His godly ones.

9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and justice,
And equity, yea, every good path.
10 For wisdom shall enter into thy heart,
And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul;
11 Discretion shall watch over thee,
Discernment shall guard thee;
12 To deliver thee from the way of evil,
From the men that speak froward things;
13 Who leave the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness;
14 Who rejoice to do evil,
And delight in the frowardness of evil;
15 Who are crooked in their ways,
And perverse in their paths;
16 To deliver thee from the strange woman,
Even from the alien woman that maketh smooth her words;
17 That forsaketh the lord of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God.
18 For her house sinketh down unto death,
And her paths unto the shades;
19 None that go unto her return,
Neither do they attain unto the paths of life;
20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good men,
And keep the paths of the righteous.
21 For the upright shall dwell in the land,
And the whole-hearted shall remain in it.
22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the land,
And the faithless shall be plucked up out of it.

3 My son, forget not my teaching;
But let thy heart keep my commandments;
2 For length of days, and years of life,
And peace, will they add to thee.
3 Let not kindness and truth forsake thee;
Bind them about thy neck, write them upon the table of thy heart;
4 So shalt thou find grace and good favour
In the sight of God and man.

5 Trust in the LORD with all thy heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding.
6 In all thy ways acknowledge Him,
And He will direct thy paths.

7 Be not wise in thine own eyes;
Fear the LORD, and depart from evil;
8 It shall be health to thy navel,
And marrow to thy bones.

9 Honour the LORD with thy substance,
And with the first-fruits of all thine increase;

10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
And thy vats shall overflow with new wine.
11 My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD,
Neither spurn thou His correction;
12 For whom the LORD loveth He correcteth,
Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

13 Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that obtaineth understanding.
14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver,
And the gain thereof than fine gold.
15 She is more precious than rubies;
And all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
16 Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honour.
17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her,
And happy is every one that holdest her fast.

19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding He established the heavens.
20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up,
And the skies drop down the dew.

21 My son, let not them depart from thine eyes;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion;
22 So shall they be life unto thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.
23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely,
And thou shalt not dash thy foot.
24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid;
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

25 Be not afraid of sudden terror,
Neither of the destruction of the wicked, when it cometh;
26 For the LORD will be thy confidence,
And will keep thy foot from being caught.

27 Withhold not good from him to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of thy hand to do it.
28 Say not unto thy neighbour: 'Go, and come again,
And to-morrow I will give'; when thou hast it by thee.

29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour,
Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
30 Strive not with a man without cause,
If he have done thee no harm.

31Envy thou not the man of violence,
And choose none of his ways.
32For the perverse is an abomination to the LORD;
But His counsel is with the upright.

33The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked;
But He blesseth the habitation of the righteous.
34If it concerneth the scorners, He scorneth them,
But unto the humble He giveth grace.
35The wise shall inherit honour;
But as for the fools, they carry away shame.

4 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding.
2For I give you good doctrine;
Forsake ye not my teaching.
3For I was a son unto my father,
Tender and an only one in the sight of my mother.
4And he taught me, and said unto me:
'Let thy heart hold fast my words,
Keep my commandments, and live;
5Get wisdom, get understanding;
Forget not, neither decline from the words of my mouth;
6Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee;
Love her, and she will keep thee.
7The beginning of wisdom is: Get wisdom;
Yea, with all thy getting get understanding.
8Extol her, and she will exalt thee;
She will bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
9She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace;
A crown of glory will she bestow on thee.'
10Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
And the years of thy life shall be many.
11I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.
12When thou goest, thy step shall not be straitened;
And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13Take fast hold of instruction, let her not go;
Keep her, for she is thy life.

14Enter not into the path of the wicked,
And walk not in the way of evil men.
15Avoid it, pass not by it;
Turn from it, and pass on.
16For they sleep not, except they have done evil;
And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
17For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.

[18]But the path of the righteous is as
the light of dawn,
That shineth more and more unto
the perfect day.
[19]The way of the wicked is as
darkness;
They know not at what they
stumble.

[20]My son, attend to my words;
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
[21]Let them not depart from thine
eyes;
Keep them in the midst of thy heart.
[22]For they are life unto those that
find them,
And health to all their flesh.
[23]Above all that thou guardest keep
thy heart;
For out of it are the issues of life.
[24]Put away from thee a froward
mouth,
And perverse lips put far from thee.
[25]Let thine eyes look right on,
And let thine eyelids look straight
before thee.
[26]Make plain the path of thy feet,
And let all thy ways be established.
[27]Turn not to the right hand nor to
the left;
Remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom;
Incline thine ear to my
understanding;
[2]That thou mayest preserve
discretion,
And that thy lips may keep
knowledge.
[3]For the lips of a strange woman
drop honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil;
[4]But her end is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
[5]Her feet go down to death;
Her steps take hold on the nether-
world;
[6]Lest she should walk the even path
of life,
Her ways wander, but she knoweth
it not.

[7]Now therefore, O ye children,
hearken unto me,
And depart not from the words of
my mouth.
[8]Remove thy way far from her,
And come not nigh the door of her
house;
[9]Lest thou give thy vigour unto
others,
And thy years unto the cruel;
[10]Lest strangers be filled with thy
strength,
And thy labours be in the house of
an alien;
[11]And thou moan, when thine end
cometh,
When thy flesh and thy body are
consumed,
[12]And say: ‘How have I hated
instruction,
And my heart despised reproof;
[13]Neither have I hearkened to the
voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined mine ear to them that
instructed me!
[14]I was well nigh in all evil

In the midst of the congregation and
assembly.'

15 Drink waters out of thine own
cistern,
And running waters out of thine
own well.
16 Let thy springs be dispersed
abroad,
And courses of water in the streets.
17 Let them be only thine own,
And not strangers' with thee.
18 Let thy fountain be blessed;
And have joy of the wife of thy
youth.
19 A lovely hind and a graceful doe,
Let her breasts satisfy thee at all
times;
With her love be thou ravished
always.
20 Why then wilt thou, my son, be
ravished with a strange woman,
And embrace the bosom of an alien?

21 For the ways of man are before the
eyes of the LORD,
And He maketh even all his paths.
22 His own iniquities shall ensnare
the wicked,
And he shall be holden with the
cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction;
And in the greatness of his folly he
shall reel.

6 My son, if thou art become surety
for thy neighbour,
If thou hast struck thy hands for a
stranger—
2 Thou art snared by the words of thy
mouth,
Thou art caught by the words of thy
mouth—
3 Do this now, my son, and deliver
thyself,
Seeing thou art come into the hand
of thy neighbour;
Go, humble thyself, and urge thy
neighbour.
4 Give not sleep to thine eyes,
nor slumber to thine eyelids.
5 Deliver thyself as a gazelle from
the hand [of the hunter],
And as a bird from the hand of the
fowler.

6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard;
Consider her ways, and be wise;
7 Which having no chief,
Overseer, or ruler,
8 Provideth her bread in the summer,
And gatherest her food in the
harvest.
9 How long wilt thou sleep, O
sluggard?
When wilt thou arise out of thy
sleep?
10 'Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to
sleep'—
11 So shall thy poverty come as a
runner,
And thy want as an armed man.

12 A base person, a man of iniquity,
Is he that walketh with a froward
mouth;

13 That winketh with his eyes, that scrapeth with his feet,
That pointeth with his fingers;
14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth evil continually;
He soweth discord.
15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly;
On a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.

16 There are six things which the LORD hateth,
Yea, seven which are an abomination unto Him:
17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood;
18 A heart that deviseth wicked thoughts,
Feet that are swift in running to evil;
19 A false witness that breatheth out lies,
And he that soweth discord among brethren.

20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father,
And forsake not the teaching of thy mother;
21 Bind them continually upon thy heart,
Tie them about thy neck.
22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee,
When thou liest down, it shall watch over thee;
And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the teaching is light,
And reproofs of instruction are the way of life;
24 To keep thee from the evil woman,
From the smoothness of the alien tongue.
25 Lust not after her beauty in thy heart;
Neither let her captivate thee with her eyelids.
26 For on account of a harlot a man is brought to a loaf of bread,
But the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.
27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned?
28 Or can one walk upon hot coals,
And his feet not be scorched?
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife;
Whosoever toucheth her shall not go unpunished.
30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal
To satisfy his soul when he is hungry;
31 But if he be found, he must restore sevenfold,
He must give all the substance of his house.
32 He that committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding;
He doeth it that would destroy his own soul.
33 Wounds and dishonour shall he get,
And his reproach shall not be wiped away.

34 For jealousy is the rage of a man,
And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
35 He will not regard any ransom;
Neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments and live,
And my teaching as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers,
Write them upon the table of thy heart.
4 Say unto wisdom: 'Thou art my sister',
And call understanding thy kinswoman;
5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman,
From the alien woman that maketh smooth her words.

6 For at the window of my house
I looked forth through my lattice;
7 And I beheld among the thoughtless ones,
I discerned among the youths,
A young man void of understanding,
8 Passing through the street near her corner,
And he went the way to her house;
9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day,
In the blackness of night and the darkness.
10 And, behold, there met him a woman
With the attire of a harlot, and wily of heart.
11 She is riotous and rebellious,
Her feet abide not in her house;
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad places,
And lieth in wait at every corner.
13 So she caught him, and kissed him,
And with an impudent face she said unto him:
14 'Sacrifices of peace-offerings were due from me;
This day have I paid my vows.
15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,
To seek thy face, and I have found thee.
16 I have decked my couch with coverlets,
With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning;
Let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For my husband is not at home,
He is gone a long journey;
20 He hath taken the bag of money with him;
He will come home at the full moon.'

21 With her much fair speech she causeth him to yield,

With the blandishment of her lips
she enticeth him away.
22He goeth after her straightway,
As an ox that goeth to the slaughter,
Or as one in fetters to the correction
of the fool;
23Till an arrow strike through his
liver;
As a bird hasteneth to the snare—
And knoweth not that it is at the cost
of his life.

24Now therefore, O ye children,
hearken unto me,
And attend to the words of my
mouth.
25Let not thy heart decline to her
ways,
Go not astray in her paths.
26For she hath cast down many
wounded;
Yea, a mighty host are all her slain.
27Her house is the way to the nether-
world,
Going down to the chambers of
death.

8 Doth not wisdom call,
And understanding put forth her
voice?
2In the top of high places by the
way,
Where the paths meet, she standeth;
3Beside the gates, at the entry of the
city,
At the coming in at the doors, she
crieth aloud:
4'Unto you, O men, I call,
And my voice is to the sons of men.
5O ye thoughtless, understand
prudence,
And, ye fools, be ye of an
understanding heart.
6Hear, for I will speak excellent
things,
And the opening of my lips shall be
right things.
7For my mouth shall utter truth,
And wickedness is an abomination
to my lips.
8All the words of my mouth are in
righteousness,
There is nothing perverse or
crooked in them.
9They are all plain to him that
understandeth,
And right to them that find
knowledge.
10Receive my instruction, and not
silver,
And knowledge rather than choice
gold.
11For wisdom is better than rubies,
And all things desirable are not to
be compared unto her.
12I wisdom dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge of devices.
13The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil
way,
And the froward mouth, do I hate.
14Counsel is mine, and sound
wisdom;
I am understanding, power is mine.
15By me kings reign,
And princes decree justice.
16By me princes rule,

And nobles, even all the judges of
the earth.
17I love them that love me,
And those that seek me earnestly
shall find me.
18Riches and honour are with me;
Yea, enduring riches and
righteousness.
19My fruit is better than gold, yea,
than fine gold;
And my produce than choice silver.
20I walk in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of justice;
21That I may cause those that love
me to inherit substance,
And that I may fill their treasuries.

22The Lord made me as the
beginning of His way,
The first of His works of old.
23I was set up from everlasting, from
the beginning,
Or ever the earth was.
24When there were no depths, I was
brought forth;
When there were no fountains
abounding with water.
25Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills was I brought forth;
26While as yet He had not made the
earth, nor the fields,
Nor the beginning of the dust of the
world.
27When He established the heavens,
I was there;
When He set a circle upon the face
of the deep,
28When He made firm the skies
above,
When the fountains of the deep
showed their might,
29When He gave to the sea His
decree,
That the waters should not
transgress His commandment,
When He appointed the foundations
of the earth;
30Then I was by Him, as a nursling;
And I was daily all delight,
Playing always before Him,
31Playing in His habitable earth,
And my delights are with the sons
of men.

32Now therefore, ye children,
hearken unto me;
For happy are they that keep my
ways.
33Hear instruction, and be wise,
And refuse it not.
34Happy is the man that hearkeneth
to me,
Watching daily at my gates, waiting
at the posts of my doors.
35For whoso findeth me findeth life,
And obtaineth favour of the Lord.
36But he that misseth me wrongeth
his own soul;
All they that hate me love death.’

9 Wisdom hath builded her house,
She hath hewn out her seven
pillars;
2She hath prepared her meat, she
hath mingled her wine;
She hath also furnished her table.
3She hath sent forth her maidens,
she calleth,

Upon the highest places of the city:
4'Whoso is thoughtless, let him turn in hither';
As for him that lacketh understanding, she saith to him:
5'Come, eat of my bread,
And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
6Forsake all thoughtlessness, and live;
And walk in the way of understanding.
7He that correcteth a scorner getteth to himself shame,
And he that reproveth a wicked man, it becometh unto him a blot.
8Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee;
Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.
9Give to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser;
Teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the All-holy is understanding.
11For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
And the years of thy life shall be increased.
12If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself;
And if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.'

13The woman Folly is riotous;
She is thoughtless, and knoweth nothing.
14And she sitteth at the door of her house,
On a seat in the high places of the city,
15To call to them that pass by,
Who go right on their ways:
16'Whoso is thoughtless, let him turn in hither';
And as for him that lacketh understanding, she saith to him:
17'Stolen waters are sweet,
And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.'
18But he knoweth not that the shades are there;
That her guests are in the depths of the nether-world.

10 The proverbs of Solomon.

A wise son maketh a glad father;
But a foolish son is the grief of his mother.

2Treasures of wickedness profit nothing;
But righteousness delivereth from death.

3The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish;
But He thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.

4He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand;

But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

5 A wise son gathereth in summer;
But a son that doeth shamefully sleepeth in harvest.

6 Blessings are upon the head of the righteous;
But the mouth of the wicked concealeth violence.

7 The memory of the righteous shall be for a blessing;
But the name of the wicked shall rot.

8 The wise in heart will receive commandments;
But a prating fool shall fall.

9 He that walketh uprightly walketh securely;
But he that perverteth his ways shall be found out.

10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow;
And a prating fool shall fall.

11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life;
But the mouth of the wicked concealeth violence.

12 Hatred stirreth up strifes;
But love covereth all transgressions.

13 In the lips of him that hath discernment wisdom is found;
But a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.

14 Wise men lay up knowledge;
But the mouth of the foolish is an imminent ruin.
15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city;
The ruin of the poor is their poverty.

16 The wages of the righteous is life;
The increase of the wicked is sin.

17 He is in the way of life that heedeth instruction;
But he that forsaketh reproof erreth.

18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips;
And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.

19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression;
But he that refraineth his lips is wise.

20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver;
The heart of the wicked is little worth.

21 The lips of the righteous feed many;
But the foolish die for want of understanding.

22 The blessing of the Lord, it
maketh rich,
And toil addeth nothing thereto.

23 It is as sport to a fool to do
wickedness,
And so is wisdom to a man of
discernment.

24 The fear of the wicked, it shall
come upon him;
And the desire of the righteous shall
be granted.

25 When the whirlwind passeth, the
wicked is no more;
But the righteous is an everlasting
foundation.

26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as
smoke to the eyes,
So is the sluggard to them that send
him.

27 The fear of the Lord prolongeth
days;
But the years of the wicked shall be
shortened.

28 The hope of the righteous is
gladness;
But the expectation of the wicked
shall perish.

29 The way of the Lord is a
stronghold to the upright,
But ruin to the workers of iniquity.

30 The righteous shall never be
moved;
But the wicked shall not inhabit the
land.

31 The mouth of the righteous
buddeth with wisdom;
But the froward tongue shall be cut
off.

32 The lips of the righteous know
what is acceptable;
But the mouth of the wicked is all
frowardness.

11 A false balance is an
abomination to the Lord;
But a perfect weight is His delight.

2 When pride cometh, then cometh
shame;
But with the lowly is wisdom.

3 The integrity of the upright shall
guide them;
But the perverseness of the faithless
shall destroy them.

4 Riches profit not in the day of
wrath;
But righteousness delivereth from
death.

5 The righteousness of the sincere
shall make straight his way;
But the wicked shall fall by his own
wickedness.

6 The righteousness of the upright
shall deliver them;
But the faithless shall be trapped in
their own crafty device.

7 When a wicked man dieth, his
expectation shall perish,
And the hope of strength perisheth.

8 The righteous is delivered out of
trouble,
And the wicked cometh in his stead.

9 With his mouth the impious man
destroyeth his neighbour;
But through knowledge shall the
righteous be delivered.

10 When it goeth well with the
righteous, the city rejoiceth;
And when the wicked perish, there
is joy.

11 By the blessing of the upright a
city is exalted;
But it is overthrown by the mouth of
the wicked.

12 He that despiseth his neighbour
lacketh understanding;
But a man of discernment holdeth
his peace.

13 He that goeth about as a talebearer
revealeth secrets;
But he that is of a faithful spirit
concealeth a matter.

14 Where no wise direction is, a
people falleth;
But in the multitude of counsellors
there is safety.

15 He that is surety for a stranger
shall smart for it;
But he that hateth them that strike
hands is secure.

16 A gracious woman obtaineth
honour;
And strong men obtain riches.

17 The merciful man doeth good to
his own soul;
But he that is cruel troubleth his
own flesh.

18 The wicked earneth deceitful
wages;
But he that soweth righteousness
hath a sure reward.

19 Stedfast righteousness tendeth to
life;
But he that pursueth evil pursueth it
to his own death.

20 They that are perverse in heart are
an abomination to the LORD;
But such as are upright in their way
are His delight.

21 My hand upon it! the evil man
shall not be unpunished;
But the seed of the righteous shall
escape.

22 As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman that turneth aside from discretion.

23 The desire of the righteous is only good;
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.

24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth;
And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth only to want.

25 The beneficent soul shall be made rich, and he that satisfieth abundantly shall be satisfied also himself.

26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him;
But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

27 He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favour;
But he that searcheth for evil, it shall come unto him.

28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall;
But the righteous shall flourish as foliage.

29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind;
And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.

30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;
And he that is wise winneth souls.

31 Behold, the righteous shall be requited in the earth;
How much more the wicked and the sinner!

12 Whoso loveth knowledge loveth correction;
But he that is brutish hateth reproof.

2 A good man shall obtain favour of the LORD;
But a man of wicked devices will He condemn.

3 A man shall not be established by wickedness;
But the root of the righteous shall never be moved.

4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband;
But she that doeth shamefully is as rottenness in his bones.

5 The thoughts of the righteous are right;
But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.

6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood;
But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.

[7]The wicked are overthrown, and are not;
But the house of the righteous shall stand.

[8]A man shall be commended according to his intelligence;
But he that is of a distorted understanding shall be despised.

[9]Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant,
Than he that playeth the man of rank, and lacketh bread.

[10]A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast;
But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.

[11]He that tilleth his ground shall have plenty of bread;
But he that followeth after vain things is void of understanding.

[12]The wicked desireth the prey of evil men;
But the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.

[13]In the transgression of the lips is a snare to the evil man;
But the righteous cometh out of trouble.

[14]A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth,
And the doings of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.

[15]The way of a fool is straight in his own eyes;
But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.

[16]A fool's vexation is presently known;
But a prudent man concealeth shame.

[17]He that breatheth forth truth uttereth righteousness;
But a false witness deceit.

[18]There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword;
But the tongue of the wise is health.

[19]The lip of truth shall be established for ever;
But a lying tongue is but for a moment.

[20]Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil;
But to the counsellors of peace is joy.

[21]There shall no mischief befall the righteous;
But the wicked are filled with evil.

[22]Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord;
But they that deal truly are His delight.

23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge;
But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.

24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule;
But the slothful shall be under tribute.

25 Care in the heart of a man boweth it down;
But a good word maketh it glad.

26 The righteous is guided by his friend;
But the way of the wicked leadeth them astray.

27 The slothful man shall not hunt his prey;
But the precious substance of men is to be diligent.

28 In the way of righteousness is life,
And in the pathway thereof there is no death.

13 A wise son is instructed of his father;
But a scorner heareth not rebuke.

2 A man shall eat good from the fruit of his mouth;
But the desire of the faithless is violence.

3 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life;
But for him that openeth wide his lips there shall be ruin.

4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing;
But the soul of the diligent shall be abundantly gratified.

5 A righteous man hateth lying;
But a wicked man behaveth vilely and shamefully.

6 Righteousness guardeth him that is upright in the way;
But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.

7 There is that pretendeth himself rich, yet hath nothing;
There is that pretendeth himself poor, yet hath great wealth.

8 The ransom of a man's life are his riches;
But the poor heareth no threatening.

9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth;
But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

10 By pride cometh only contention;
But with the well-advised is wisdom.

11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished;
But he that gathereth little by little shall increase.

12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick;
But desire fulfilled is a tree of life.

13 Whoso despiseth the word shall suffer thereby;
But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.

14 The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life,
To depart from the snares of death.

15 Good understanding giveth grace;
But the way of the faithless is harsh.

16 Every prudent man dealeth with forethought;
But a fool unfoldeth folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil;
But a faithful ambassador is health.

18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth instruction;
But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.

19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul;
And it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.

20 He that walketh with wise men shall be wise;
But the companion of fools shall smart for it.

21 Evil pursueth sinners;
But to the righteous good shall be repaid.

22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children;
And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.

23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor;
But there is that is swept away by want of righteousness.

24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son;
But he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.

25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his desire;
But the belly of the wicked shall want.

14 Every wise woman buildeth her house;
But the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.

2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD;
But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth Him.

3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride;
But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.

4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean;
But much increase is by the strength of the ox.

5 A faithful witness will not lie;
But a false witness breatheth forth lies.

6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not;
But knowledge is easy unto him that hath discernment.

7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, for thou wilt not perceive the lips of knowledge.

8 The wisdom of the prudent is to look well to his way;
But the folly of fools is deceit.

9 Amends pleadeth for fools;
But among the upright there is good will.

10 The heart knoweth its own bitterness;
And with its joy no stranger can intermeddle.

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown;
But the tent of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man,
But the end thereof are the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart acheth;
And the end of mirth is heaviness.

14 The dissembler in heart shall have his fill from his own ways;
And a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

15 The thoughtless believeth every word;
But the prudent man looketh well to his going.

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil;
But the fool behaveth overbearingly, and is confident.

17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly;
And a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The thoughtless come into possession of folly;
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good,
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour;
But the rich hath many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth;
But he that is gracious unto the humble, happy is he.

22 Shall they not go astray that devise evil? But mercy and truth shall be for them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit;
But the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches;
But the folly of fools remaineth folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls;
But he that breatheth forth lies is all deceit.

26 In the fear of the LORD a man hath strong confidence;
And his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory;
But in the want of people is the ruin of the prince.

29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding;
But he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

30 A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh;
But envy is the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor blasphemeth his Maker;
But he that is gracious unto the needy honoureth Him.

32 The wicked is thrust down in his misfortune;
But the righteous, even when he is brought to death, hath hope.

33 In the heart of him that hath discernment wisdom resteth;
But in the inward part of fools it maketh itself known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation;
But sin is a reproach to any people.

35 The king's favour is toward a servant that dealeth wisely;
But his wrath striketh him that dealeth shamefully.

15 A soft answer turneth away wrath;
But a grievous word stirreth up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright;

But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.

3The eyes of the Lord are in every place,
Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.

4A soothing tongue is a tree of life;
But perverseness therein is a wound to the spirit.

5A fool despiseth his father's correction;
But he that regardeth reproof is prudent.

6In the house of the righteous is much treasure;
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7The lips of the wise disperse knowledge;
But the heart of the foolish is not stedfast.

8The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord;
But the prayer of the upright is His delight.

9The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord;
But He loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way;
And he that hateth reproof shall die.

11The nether-world and Destruction are before the Lord;
How much more then the hearts of the children of men!

12A scorner loveth not to be reproved;
He will not go unto the wise.

13A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance;
But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.

14The heart of him that hath discernment seeketh knowledge;
But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.

15All the days of the poor are evil;
But he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

16Better is little with the fear of the Lord,
Than great treasure and turmoil therewith.

17Better is a dinner of herbs where love is,
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

18A wrathful man stirreth up discord;
But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

[19]The way of the sluggard is as
though hedged by thorns;
But the path of the upright is even.

[20]A wise son maketh a glad father;
But a foolish man despiseth his
mother.

[21]Folly is joy to him that lacketh
understanding;
But a man of discernment walketh
straightforwards.

[22]For want of counsel purposes are
frustrated;
But in the multitude of counsellors
they are established.

[23]A man hath joy in the answer of
his mouth;
And a word in due season, how
good is it!

[24]The path of life goeth upward for
the wise, that he may depart from
the nether-world beneath.

[25]The Lord will pluck up the house
of the proud;
But He will establish the border of
the widow.

[26]The thoughts of wickedness are an
abomination to the Lord;
But words of pleasantness are pure.

[27]He that is greedy of gain troubleth
his own house;
But he that hateth gifts shall live.

[28]The heart of the righteous studieth
to answer;
But the mouth of the wicked poureth
out evil things.

[29]The Lord is far from the wicked;
But He heareth the prayer of the
righteous.

[30]The light of the eyes rejoiceth the
heart;
And a good report maketh the bones
fat.

[31]The ear that hearkeneth to the
reproof of life abideth among the
wise.

[32]He that refuseth correction
despiseth his own soul;
But he that hearkeneth to reproof
getteth understanding.

[33]The fear of the Lord is the
instruction of wisdom;
And before honour goeth humility.

16 The preparations of the heart
are man's,
But the answer of the tongue is from
the Lord.

[2]All the ways of a man are clean in
his own eyes;
But the Lord weigheth the spirits.

[3]Commit thy works unto the Lord,

And thy thoughts shall be
established.

4The LORD hath made every things
for His own purpose,
Yea, even the wicked for the day of
evil.

5Every one that is proud in heart is
an abomination to the LORD;
My hand upon it! he shall not be
unpunished.

6By mercy and truth iniquity is
expiated;
And by the fear of the LORD men
depart from evil.

7When a man's ways please the
LORD,
He maketh even his enemies to be at
peace with him.

8Better is a little with righteousness
Than great revenues with injustice.

9A man's heart deviseth his way;
But the LORD directeth his steps.

10A divine sentence is in the lips of
the king;
His mouth trespasseth not in
judgment.

11A just balance and scales are the
LORD's;
All the weights of the bag are His
work.

12It is an abomination to kings to
commit wickedness;
For the throne is established by
righteousness.

13Righteous lips are the delight of
kings;
And they love him that speaketh
right.

14The wrath of a king is as
messengers of death;
But a wise man will pacify it.

15In the light of the king's
countenance is life;
And his favour is as a cloud of the
latter rain.

16How much better is it to get
wisdom than gold!
Yea, to get understanding is rather
to be chosen than silver.

17The highway of the upright is to
depart from evil;
He that keepeth his way preserveth
his soul.

18Pride goeth before destruction,
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

19Better it is to be of a lowly spirit
with the humble,
Than to divide the spoil with the
proud.

20He that giveth heed unto the word
shall find good;

And whoso trusteth in the LORD,
happy is he.

21 The wise in heart is called a man
of discernment;
And the sweetness of the lips
increaseth learning.

22 Understanding is a fountain of life
unto him that hath it;
But folly is the chastisement of
fools.

23 The heart of the wise teacheth his
mouth,
And addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are as a
honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul, and health to the
bones.

25 There is a way which seemeth
right unto a man,
But the end thereof are the ways of
death.

26 The hunger of the labouring man
laboureth for him;
For his mouth compelleth him.

27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil,
And in his lips there is as a burning
fire.

28 A froward man soweth strife;
And a whisperer separateth familiar
friends.

29 A man of violence enticeth his
neighbour,
And leadeth him into a way that is
not good.

30 He shutteth his eyes, it is to devise
froward things;
He that biteth his lips bringeth evil
to pass.

31 The hoary head is a crown of
glory,
It is found in the way of
righteousness.

32 He that is slow to anger is better
than the mighty;
And he that ruleth his spirit than he
that taketh a city.

33 The lot is cast into the lap;
But the whole disposing thereof is
of the LORD.

17 Better is a dry morsel and
quietness therewith,
Than a house full of feasting with
strife.

2 A servant that dealeth wisely shall
have rule over a son that dealeth
shamefully,
And shall have part of the
inheritance among the brethren.

3 The refining pot is for silver, and
the furnace for gold;
But the LORD trieth the hearts.

4 A evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips;
And a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.

5 Whoso mocketh the poor blasphemeth his Maker;
And he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.

6 Children's children are the crown of old men;
And the glory of children are their fathers.

7 Overbearing speech becometh not a churl;
Much less do lying lips a prince.

8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it;
Whithersoever he turneth, he prospereth.

9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love;
But he that harpeth on a matter estrangeth a familiar friend.

10 A rebuke entereth deeper into a man of understanding
Than a hundred stripes into a fool.

11 A rebellious man seeketh only evil;
Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.

12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man,
Rather than a fool in his folly.

13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good,
Evil shall not depart from his house.

14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water;
Therefore leave off contention, before the quarrel break out.

15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous,
Even they both are an abomination to the LORD.

16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool
To buy wisdom, seeing he hath no understanding?

17 A friend loveth at all times,
And a brother is born for adversity.

18 A man void of understanding is he that striketh hands,
And becometh surety in the presence of his neighbour.

19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife;
He that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.

20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good;
And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into evil.

[21]He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow;
And the father of a churl hath no joy.

[22]A merry heart is a good medicine;
But a broken spirit drieth the bones.

[23]A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom,
To pervert the ways of justice.

[24]Wisdom is before him that hath understanding;
But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.

[25]A foolish son is vexation to his father,
And bitterness to her that bore him.

[26]To punish also the righteous is not good,
Nor to strike the noble for their uprightness.

[27]He that spareth his words hath knowledge;
And he that husbandeth his spirit is a man of discernment.

[28]Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise;
And he that shutteth his lips is esteemed as a man of understanding.

# 18

He that separateth himself seeketh his own desire,
And snarlest against all sound wisdom.

[2]A fool hath no delight in understanding,
But only that his heart may lay itself bare.

[3]When the wicked cometh, there cometh also contempt,
And with ignominy reproach.

[4]The words of a man’s mouth are as deep waters;
A flowing brook, a fountain of wisdom.

[5]It is not good to respect the person of the wicked,
So as to turn aside the righteous in judgment.

[6]A fool’s lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calleth for strokes.

[7]A fool’s mouth is his ruin,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.

[8]The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

[9]Even one that is slack in his work
Is brother to him that is a destroyer.

10 The name of the LORD is a strong
tower:
The righteous runneth into it, and is
set up on high.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong
city,
And as a high wall in his own
conceit.

12 Before destruction the heart of a
man is haughty,
And before honour goeth humility.

13 He that giveth answer before he
heareth,
It is folly and confusion unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his
infirmity;
But a broken spirit who can bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth
knowledge;
And the ear of the wise seeketh
knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him,
And bringeth him before great men.

17 He that pleadeth his cause first
seemeth just;
But his neighbour cometh and
searcheth him out.

18 The lot causeth strife to cease,
And parteth asunder the contentious.

19 A brother offended is harder to be
won than a strong city;
And their contentions are like the
bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be filled with
the fruit of his mouth;
With the increase of his lips shall he
be satisfied.

21 Death and life are in the power of
the tongue;
And they that indulge it shall eat the
fruit thereof.

22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a
great good,
And obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth entreaties;
But the rich answereth impudently.

24 There are friends that one hath to
his own hurt;
But there is a friend that sticketh
closer than a brother.

19 Better is the poor that walketh
in his integrity
Than he that is perverse in his lips
and a fool at the same time.

2 Also, that the soul be without
knowledge is not good;
And he that hasteth with his feet
sinneth.

3 The foolishness of man perverteth
his way;

And his heart fretteth against the
Lord.

4 Wealth addeth many friends;
But as for the poor, his friend
separateth himself from him.

5 A false witness shall not be
unpunished;
And he that breatheth forth lies shall
not escape.

6 Many will entreat the favour of the
liberal man;
And every man is a friend to him
that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate
him;
How much more do his friends go
far from him!
He that pursueth words, they turn
against him.

8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his
own soul;
He that keepeth understanding shall
find good.

9 A false witness shall not be
unpunished;
And he that breatheth forth lies shall
perish.

10 Luxury is not seemly for a fool;
Much less for a servant to have rule
over princes.

11 It is the discretion of a man to be
slow to anger,
And it is his glory to pass over a
transgression.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring
of a lion;
But his favour is as dew upon the
grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his
father;
And the contentions of a wife are a
continual dropping.

14 House and riches are the
inheritance of fathers;
But a prudent wife is from the Lord.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep
sleep;
And the idle soul shall suffer
hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment
keepeth his soul;
But he that despiseth His ways shall
die.

17 He that is gracious unto the poor
lendeth unto the Lord;
And his good deed will He repay
unto him.

18 Chasten thy son, for there is hope;
But set not thy heart on his
destruction.

19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment;
For if thou interpose, thou wilt add thereto.

20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction,
That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 There are many devices in a man's heart;
But the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 The lust of a man is his shame;
And a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life;
And he that hath it shall abide satisfied,
He shall not be visited with evil.

24 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish,
And will not so much as bring it back to his mouth.

25 When thou smitest a scorner, the simple will become prudent;
And when one that hath understanding is reproved, he will understand knowledge.

26 A son that dealeth shamefully and reproachfully
Will despoil his father, and chase away his mother.

27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction
That causeth to err from the words of knowledge.

28 An ungodly witness mocketh at right;
And the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.

29 Judgments are prepared for scorners,
And stripes for the back of fools.

20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is riotous;
And whosoever reeleth thereby is not wise.

2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion:
He that provoketh him to anger forfeiteth his life.

3 It is an honour for a man to keep aloof from strife;
But every fool will be snarling.

4 The sluggard will not plow when winter setteth in;
Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water;
But a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness;
But a faithful man who can find?

7 He that walketh in his integrity as a just man,
Happy are his children after him.

8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgment
Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say: 'I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin'?

10 Divers weights, and divers measures,
Both of them alike are abomination to the LORD.

11 Even a child is known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
The LORD hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty;
Open thine eyes, and thou shalt have bread in plenty.

14 'It is bad, it is bad', saith the buyer;
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies;
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;
And hold him in pledge that is surety for an alien woman.

17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Every purpose is established by counsel;
And with good advice carry on war.

19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets;
Therefore meddle not with him that openeth wide his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother,
His lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.

21 An estate may be gotten hastily at the beginning;
But the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou: 'I will requite evil';

Wait for the LORD, and He will save
thee.

23 Divers weights are an abomination
to the LORD;
And a false balance is not good.

24 A man's goings are of the LORD;
How then can man look to his way?

25 It is a snare to a man rashly to say: 'Holy',
And after vows to make inquiry.

26 A wise king sifteth the wicked,
And turneth the wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD,
Searching all the inward parts.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king;
And his throne is upheld by mercy.

29 The glory of young men is their strength;
And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.

30 Sharp wounds cleanse away evil;
So do stripes that reach the inward parts.

21 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the watercourses:
He turneth it whithersoever He will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes;
But the LORD weigheth the hearts.

3 To do righteousness and justice
Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.

4 A haughty look, and a proud heart—
The tillage of the wicked is sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness;
But every one that is hasty hasteth only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a vapour driven to and fro; they [that seek them] seek death.

7 The violence of the wicked shall drag them away;
Because they refuse to do justly.

8 The way of man is froward and strange;
But as for the pure, his work is right.

9 It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop,
Than in a house in common with a contentious woman.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil;
His neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

[11]When the scorner is punished, the thoughtless is made wise;
And when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

[12]The Righteous One considereth the house of the wicked;
Overthrowing the wicked to their ruin.

[13]Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry himself, but shall not be answered.

[14]A gift in secret pacifieth anger,
And a present in the bosom strong wrath.

[15]To do justly is joy to the righteous,
But ruin to the workers of iniquity.

[16]The man that strayeth out of the way of understanding
Shall rest in the congregation of the shades.

[17]He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man;
He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

[18]The wicked is a ransom for the righteous;
And the faithless cometh in the stead of the upright.

[19]It is better to dwell in a desert land,
Than with a contentious and fretful woman.

[20]There is desirable treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise;
But a foolish man swalloweth it up.

[21]He that followeth after righteousness and mercy
Findeth life, prosperity, and honour.

[22]A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty,
And bringeth down the stronghold wherein it trusteth.

[23]Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue
Keepeth his soul from troubles.

[24]A proud and haughty man, scorner is his name,
Even he that dealeth in overbearing pride.

[25]The desire of the slothful killeth him;
For his hands refuse to labour.

[26]There is that coveteth greedily all the day long;
But the righteous giveth and spareth not.

[27]The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination;

How much more, when he bringeth it with the proceeds of wickedness?

28 A false witness shall perish;
But the man that obeyeth shall speak unchallenged.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face;
But as for the upright, he looketh well to his way.

30 There is no wisdom nor understanding
Nor counsel against the LORD.

31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle;
But victory is of the LORD.

22 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
And loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor meet together—
The LORD is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself;
But the thoughtless pass on, and are punished.

4 The reward of humility is the fear of the LORD,
Even riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward;
He that keepeth his soul holdeth himself far from them.

6 Train up a child in the way he should go,
And even when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor,
And the borrower is servant to the lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity;
And the rod of his wrath shall fail.

9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed;
For he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention will go out;
Yea, strife and shame will cease.

11 He that loveth pureness of heart,
That hath grace in his lips, the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the LORD preserve him that hath knowledge,
But He overthroweth the words of the faithless man.

13 The sluggard saith: 'There is a lion without;
I shall be slain in the streets.'

[14]The mouth of strange women is a deep pit:
He that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.

[15]Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;
But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

[16]One may oppress the poor, yet will their gain increase;
One may give to the rich, yet will want come.

[17]Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise,
And apply thy heart unto my knowledge.
[18]For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee;
Let them be established altogether upon thy lips.
[19]That thy trust may be in the LORD,
I have made them known to thee this day, even to thee.
[20]Have not I written unto thee excellent things
Of counsels and knowledge;
[21]That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth,
That thou mightest bring back words of truth to them that send thee?

[22]Rob not the weak, because he is weak,
Neither crush the poor in the gate;
[23]For the LORD will plead their cause,
And despoil of life those that despoil them.

[24]Make no friendship with a man that is given to anger;
And with a wrathful man thou shalt not go;
[25]Lest thou learn his ways,
And get a snare to thy soul.

[26]Be thou not of them that strike hands,
Or of them that are sureties for debts;
[27]If thou hast not wherewith to pay,
Why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

[28]Remove not the ancient landmark,
Which thy fathers have set.

[29]Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings;
He shall not stand before mean men.

23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,
Consider well him that is before thee;
[2]And put a knife to thy throat,
If thou be a man given to appetite.
[3]Be not desirous of his dainties;
Seeing they are deceitful food.
[4]Weary not thyself to be rich;
Cease from thine own wisdom.

5Wilt thou set thine eyes upon it? it is gone;
For riches certainly make themselves wings,
Like an eagle that flieth toward heaven.

6Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye,
Neither desire thou his dainties;
7For as one that hath reckoned within himself, so is he:
'Eat and drink', saith he to thee;
But his heart is not with thee.
8The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up,
And lose thy sweet words.

9Speak not in the ears of a fool;
For he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10Remove not the ancient landmark;
And enter not into the fields of the fatherless;
11For their Redeemer is strong;
He will plead their cause with thee.

12Apply thy heart unto instruction,
And thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13Withhold not correction from the child;
For though thou beat him with the rod, he will not die.
14Thou beatest him with the rod,
And wilt deliver his soul from the nether-world.

15My son, if thy heart be wise,
My heart will be glad, even mine;
16Yea, my reins will rejoice,
When thy lips speak right things.

17Let not thy heart envy sinners,
But be in the fear of the Lord all the day;
18For surely there is a future;
And thy hope shall not be cut off.

19Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
And guide thy heart in the way.
20Be not among winebibbers;
Among gluttonous eaters of flesh;
21For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty;
And drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22Hearken unto thy father that begot thee,
And despise not thy mother when she is old.

23Buy the truth, and sell it not;
Also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
24The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice;
And he that begetteth a wise child will have joy of him.
25Let thy father and thy mother be glad,
And let her that bore thee rejoice.

26My son, give me thy heart,
And let thine eyes observe my ways.

27 For a harlot is a deep ditch;
And an alien woman is a narrow pit.
28 She also lieth in wait as a robber,
And increaseth the faithless among men.

29 Who crieth: ‘Woe’? who: ‘Alas’?
Who hath contentions? who hath raving?
Who hath wounds without cause?
Who hath redness of eyes?
30 They that tarry long at the wine;
They that go to try mixed wine.
31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,
When it giveth its colour in the cup,
When it glideth down smoothly;
32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,
And stingeth like a basilisk.
33 Thine eyes shall behold strange things,
And thy heart shall utter confused things.
34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea,
Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
35 ’They have struck me, and I felt it not,
They have beaten me, and I knew it not;
When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.’

24 Be not thou envious of evil men,
Neither desire to be with them.
2 For their heart studieth destruction,
And their lips talk of mischief.
3 Through wisdom is a house builded;
And by understanding it is established;
4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is strong;
Yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.
6 For with wise advice thou shalt make thy war;
And in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.

7 Wisdom is as unattainable to a fool as corals;
He openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil,
Men shall call him a mischievous person.
9 The thought of foolishness is sin;
And the scorner is an abomination to men.
10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,
Thy strength is small indeed.
11 Deliver them that are drawn unto death;
And those that are ready to be slain wilt thou forbear to rescue?
12 If thou sayest: ‘Behold, we knew not this’,

Doth not He that weigheth the hearts consider it?
And He that keepeth thy soul, doth not He know it?
And shall not He render to every man according to his works?

13My son, eat thou honey, for it is good,
And the honeycomb is sweet to thy taste;
14So know thou wisdom to be unto thy soul;
If thou hast found it, then shall there be a future,
And thy hope shall not be cut off.

15Lie not in wait, O wicked man, against the dwelling of the righteous,
Spoil not his resting-place;
16For a righteous man falleth seven times, and riseth up again,
But the wicked stumble under adversity.

17Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth,
And let not thy heart be glad when he stumbleth;
18Lest the LORD see it, and it displease Him,
And He turn away His wrath from him.
19Fret not thyself because of evildoers,
Neither be thou envious at the wicked;
20For there will be no future to the evil man,
The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

21My son, fear thou the LORD and the king,
And meddle not with them that are given to change;
22For their calamity shall rise suddenly;
And who knoweth the ruin from them both?

23These also are sayings of the wise.

To have respect of persons in judgment is not good.
24He that saith unto the wicked: 'Thou art righteous',
Peoples shall curse him, nations shall execrate him;
25But to them that decide justly shall be delight,
And a good blessing shall come upon them.
26He kisseth the lips
That giveth a right answer.

27Prepare thy work without,
And make it fit for thyself in the field;
And afterwards build thy house.

28Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause;
And deceive not with thy lips.
29Say not: 'I will do so to him as he hath done to me;

I will render to the man according to
his work.'

30 I went by the field of the slothful,
And by the vineyard of the man
void of understanding;
31 And, lo, it was all grown over with
thistles,
The face thereof was covered with
nettles,
And the stone wall thereof was
broken down.
32 Then I beheld, and considered
well;
I saw, and received instruction.
33 'Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to
sleep'—
34 So shall thy poverty come as a
runner,
And thy want as an armed man.

25 These also are proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a
thing; but the glory of kings is to
search out a matter.
3 The heaven for height, and the
earth for depth, and the heart of
kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the
silver, and there cometh forth a
vessel for the refiner;
5 Take away the wicked from before
the king, and his throne shall be
established in righteousness.

6 Glorify not thyself in the presence
of the king, and stand not in the
place of great men;
7 For better is it that it be said unto
thee: 'Come up hither', than that
thou shouldest be put lower in the
presence of the prince, whom
thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive, lest
thou know not what to do in the
end thereof, when thy neighbour
hath put thee to shame.
9 Debate thy cause with thy
neighbour, but reveal not the
secret of another;
10 Lest he that heareth it revile thee,
and thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word fitly spoken
Is like apples of gold in settings of
silver.

12 As an ear-ring of gold, and an
ornament of fine gold,
So is a wise reprover upon an
obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of
harvest,
So is a faithful messenger to him
that sendeth him;
For he refresheth the soul of his
master.

14As vapours and wind without rain,
So is he that boasteth himself of a false gift.

15By long forbearing is a ruler persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee,
Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour’s house;
Lest he be sated with thee, and hate thee.

18As a maul, and a sword, and a sharp arrow,
So is a man that beareth false witness against his neighbour.

19Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
Is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20As one that taketh off a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon nitre,
So is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.

21If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat,
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink;

22For thou wilt heap coals of fire upon his head,
And the Lord will reward thee.

23The north wind bringeth forth rain,
And a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

24It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop,
Than in a house in common with a contentious woman.

25As cold waters to a faint soul,
So is good news from a far country.

26As a troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring,
So is a righteous man that giveth way before the wicked.

27It is not good to eat much honey;
So for men to search out their own glory is not glory.

28Like a city broken down and without a wall,
So is he whose spirit is without restraint.

26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honour is not seemly for a fool.

2As the wandering sparrow, as the flying swallow,
So the curse that is causeless shall come home.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,
And a rod for the back of fools.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool
Cutteth off his own feet, and drinketh damage.

7 The legs hang limp from the lame;
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8 As a small stone in a heap of stones,
So is he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 As a thorn that cometh into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

10 A master performeth all things;
But he that stoppeth a fool is as one that stoppeth a flood.

11 As a dog that returneth to his vomit,
So is a fool that repeateth his folly.

12 Seest thou a man wise in his own eyes?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.

13 The sluggard saith: ‘There is a lion in the way;
Yea, a lion is in the streets.’

14 The door is turning upon its hinges,
And the sluggard is still upon his bed.

15 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish;
It wearieth him to bring it back to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes
Than seven men that give wise answer.

17 He that passeth by, and meddleth with strife not his own,
Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a madman who casteth firebrands,
Arrows, and death;
19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour,
And saith: ‘Am not I in sport?’

20 Where no wood is, the fire goeth out;

And where there is no whisperer,
contention ceaseth.

21 As coals are to burning coals, and
wood to fire;
So is a contentious man to kindle
strife.

22 The words of a whisperer are as
dainty morsels,
And they go down into the
innermost parts of the body.

23 Burning lips and a wicked heart
Are like an earthen vessel overlaid
with silver dross.

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his
lips,
But he layeth up deceit within him.
25 When he speaketh fair,
Believe him not;
For there are seven abominations in
his heart.
26 Though his hatred be concealed
with deceit,
His wickedness shall be revealed
before the congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall
therein;
And he that rolleth a stone, it shall
return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those that
are crushed by it;
And a flattering mouth worketh
ruin.

# 27

Boast not thyself of to-
morrow;
For thou knowest not what a day
may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and
not thine own mouth;
A stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, and the sand
weighty;
But a fool's vexation is heavier than
they both.

4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is
overwhelming;
But who is able to stand before
jealousy?

5 Better is open rebuke
Than love that is hidden.

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
But the kisses of an enemy are
importunate.

7 The full soul loatheth a
honeycomb;
But to the hungry soul every bitter
thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her
nest,
So is a man that wandereth from his
place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the
heart;

So doth the sweetness of a man's
friend by hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's
friend, forsake not;
Neither go into thy brother's house
in the day of thy calamity;
Better is a neighbour that is near
than a brother far off.

11 My son, be wise, and make my
heart glad,
That I may answer him that taunteth
me.

12 A prudent man seeth the evil, and
hideth himself;
But the thoughtless pass on, and are
punished.

13 Take his garment that is surety for
a stranger;
And hold him in pledge that is
surety for an alien woman.

14 He that blesseth his friend with a
loud voice, rising early in the
morning,
It shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very
rainy day
And a contentious woman are alike;
16 He that would hide her hideth the
wind,
And the ointment of his right hand
betrayeth itself.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron;
So a man sharpeneth the
countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall
eat the fruit thereof;
And he that waiteth on his master
shall be honoured.

19 As in water face answereth to face,
So the heart of man to man.

20 The nether-world and Destruction
are never satiated;
So the eyes of man are never
satiated.

21 The refining pot is for silver, and
the furnace for gold,
And a man is tried by his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool
in a mortar with a pestle among
groats,
Yet will not his foolishness depart
from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state
of thy flocks,
And look well to thy herds;
24 For riches are not for ever;
And doth the crown endure unto all
generations?
25 When the hay is mown, and the
tender grass showeth itself,
And the herbs of the mountains are
gathered in;
26 The lambs will be for thy clothing,
And the goats the price for a field.

27 And there will be goats'milk
enough for thy food, for the food
of thy household;
And maintenance for thy maidens.

28 The wicked flee when no man
pursueth;
But the righteous are secure as a
young lion.

2 For the transgression of a land
many are the princes thereof;
But by a man of understanding and
knowledge established order shall
long continue.

3 A poor man that oppresseth the
weak
Is like a sweeping rain which
leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the
wicked;
But such as keep the law contend
with them.

5 Evil men understand not justice;
But they that seek the Lord
understand all things.

6 Better is the poor that walketh in
his integrity,
Than he that is perverse in his ways,
though he be rich.

7 A wise son observeth the teaching;
ut he that is a companion of
gluttonous men shameth his
father.

8 He that augmenteth his substance
by interest and increase,
Gathereth it for him that is gracious
to the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from
hearing the law,
Even his prayer is an abomination.

10 Whoso causeth the upright to go
astray in an evil way,
He shall fall himself into his own
pit;
But the whole-hearted shall inherit
good.

11 The rich man is wise in his own
eyes;
But the poor that hath understanding
searcheth him through.

12 When the righteous exult, there is
great glory;
But when the wicked rise, men must
be sought for.

13 He that covereth his transgressions
shall not prosper;
But whoso confesseth and forsaketh
them shall obtain mercy.

14 Happy is the man that feareth
alway;
But he that hardeneth his heart shall
fall into evil.

15 As a roaring lion, and a ravenous
bear;

So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

16The prince that lacketh understanding is also a great oppressor;
But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17A man that is laden with the blood of any person
Shall hasten his steps unto the pit; none will support him.

18Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved;
But he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19He that tilleth his ground shall have plenty of bread;
But he that followeth after vain things shall have poverty enough.

20A faithful man shall abound with blessings;
But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.

21To have respect of persons is not good;
For a man will transgress for a piece of bread.

22He that hath an evil eye hasteneth after riches,
And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.

23He that rebuketh a man shall in the end find more favour
Than he that flattereth with the tongue.

24Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith: 'It is no transgression',
The same is the companion of a destroyer.

25He that is of a greedy spirit stirreth up strife;
But he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be abundantly gratified.

26He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool;
But whoso walketh wisely, he shall escape.

27He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack;
But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

28When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck
Shall suddenly be broken, and that without remedy.

2When the righteous are increased, the people rejoice;

But when the wicked beareth rule,
the people sigh.

[3]Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his
father;
But he that keepeth company with
harlots wasteth his substance.

[4]The king by justice establisheth the
land;
But he that exacteth gifts
overthroweth it.

[5]A man that flattereth his neighbour
Spreadeth a net for his steps.

[6]In the transgression of an evil man
there is a snare;
But the righteous doth sing and
rejoice.

[7]The righteous taketh knowledge of
the cause of the poor;
The wicked understandeth not
knowledge.

[8]Scornful men set a city in a blaze;
But wise men turn away wrath.

[9]If a wise man contendeth with a
foolish man,
Whether he be angry or laugh, there
will be no rest.

[10]The men of blood hate him that is
sincere;
And as for the upright, they seek his
life.

[11]A fool spendeth all his spirit;
But a wise man stilleth it within
him.

[12]If a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood,
All his servants are wicked.

[13]The poor man and the oppressor
meet together;
The Lord giveth light to the eyes of
them both.

[14]The king that faithfully judgeth the
poor,
His throne shall be established for
ever.

[15]The rod and reproof give wisdom;
But a child left to himself causeth
shame to his mother.

[16]When the wicked are increased,
transgression increaseth;
But the righteous shall gaze upon
their fall.

[17]Correct thy son, and he will give
thee rest;
Yea, he will give delight unto thy
soul.

[18]Where there is no vision, the
people cast off restraint;
But he that keepeth the law, happy
is he.

[19]A servant will not be corrected by
words;

For though he understand, there will
be no response.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in
his words?
There is more hope for a fool than
for him.

21 He that delicately bringeth up his
servant from a child
Shall have him become master at the
last.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
And a wrathful man aboundeth in
transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low;
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall
attain to honour.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief
hateth his own soul:
He heareth the adjuration and
uttereth nothing.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare;
But whoso putteth his trust in the
LORD shall be set up on high.

26 Many seek the ruler's favour;
But a man's judgment cometh from
the LORD.

27 An unjust man is an abomination
to the righteous;
And he that is upright in the way is
an abomination to the wicked.

# 30

The words of Agur the son of
Jakeh; the burden.

The man saith unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel
and Ucal:
2 Surely I am brutish, unlike a man,
And have not the understanding of a
man;
3 And I have not learned wisdom,
That I should have the knowledge of
the Holy One.
4 Who hath ascended up into heaven,
and descended?
Who hath gathered the wind in his
fists?
Who hath bound the waters in his
garment?
Who hath established all the ends of
the earth?
What is his name, and what is his
son's name, if thou knowest?

5 Every word of God is tried;
He is a shield unto them that take
refuge in Him.
6 Add thou not unto His words,
Lest He reprove thee, and thou be
found a liar.

7 Two things have I asked of Thee;
Deny me them not before I die:
8 Remove far from me falsehood and
lies;
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
feed me with mine allotted bread;
9 Lest I be full, and deny, and say:
'Who is the LORD?'
Or lest I be poor, and steal,
And profane the name of my God.

10 Slander not a servant unto his master,
Lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

11 There is a generation that curse their father,
And do not bless their mother.
12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes,
And yet are not washed from their filthiness.
13 There is a generation, Oh how lofty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.
14 There is a generation whose teeth are as swords, and their great teeth as knives,
To devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 The horseleech hath two daughters: 'Give, give.'
There are three things that are never satisfied,
Yea, four that say not: 'Enough':
16 The grave; and the barren womb;
The earth that is not satisfied with water;
And the fire that saith not: 'Enough.'

17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother,
The ravens of the valley shall pick it out,
And the young vultures shall eat it.

18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me,
Yea, four which I know not:
19 The way of an eagle in the air;
The way of a serpent upon a rock;
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
And the way of a man with a young woman.
20 So is the way of an adulterous woman;
She eateth, and wipeth her mouth,
And saith: 'I have done no wickedness.'

21 For three things the earth doth quake,
And for four it cannot endure:
22 For a servant when he reigneth;
And a churl when he is filled with food;
23 For an odious woman when she is married;
And a handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There are four things which are little upon the earth,
But they are exceeding wise:
25 The ants are a people not strong,
Yet they provide their food in the summer;
26 The rock-badgers are but a feeble folk,
Yet make they their houses in the crags;
27 The locusts have no king,

Yet go they forth all of them by bands;
28The spider thou canst take with the hands,
Yet is she in kings'palaces.

29There are three things which are stately in their march,
Yea, four which are stately in going:
30The lion, which is mightiest among beasts,
And turneth not away for any;
31The greyhound; the he-goat also;
And the king, against whom there is no rising up.

32If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself,
Or if thou hast planned devices, lay thy hand upon thy mouth.
33For the churning of milk bringeth forth curd,
And the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood;
So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31 The words of king Lemuel; the burden wherewith his mother corrected him.

2What, my son? and what, O son of my womb?
And what, O son of my vows?
3Give not thy strength unto women,
Nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
4It is not for kings, O [a]Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine:
Nor for princes to say: 'Where is strong drink?'
5Lest they drink, and forget that which is decreed,
And pervert the justice due to any that is afflicted.
6Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,
And wine unto the bitter in soul;
7Let him drink, and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.
8Open thy mouth for the dumb,
In the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
9Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And plead the cause of the poor and needy.

א 10A woman of valour who can find?
For her price is far above rubies.
ב 11The heart of her husband doth aafely trust in her,
And he hath no lack of gain.
ג 12She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
ד 13She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh willingly with her hands.
ה 14She is like the merchant-ships; She bringeth her food from afar.
ו 15She riseth also while it is yet night,

[a] Heb. Lemoel.

And giveth food to her household,
And a portion to her maidens.

ז 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it;
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

ח 17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.

ט 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good;
Her lamp goeth not out by night.

י 19 She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her hands hold the spindle.

כ 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

ל 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household;
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.

מ 22 She maketh for herself coverlets;
Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

נ 23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.

ס 24 She maketh linen garments and selleth them;
And delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

ע 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing;
And she laugheth at the time to come.

פ 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And the law of kindness is on her tongue.

צ 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household,
And eateth not the bread of idleness.

ק 28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praiseth her:

ר 29 'Many daughters have done valiantly,
But thou excellest them all.'

ש 30 Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain;
But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

ת 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her works praise her in the gates.

# איוב
# JOB

1 THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was whole-hearted and upright, and one that feared God, and shunned evil. [2]And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. [3]His possessions also were seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. [4]And his sons used to go and hold a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they would send and invite their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. [5]And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all; for Job said: 'It may be that my sons have sinned, and blasphemed God in their hearts.' Thus did Job continually.

[6]Now it fell upon a day, that the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and [a]Satan came also among them. [7]And the LORD said unto Satan: 'Whence comest thou?' Then Satan answered the LORD, and said: 'From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.' [8]And the LORD said unto Satan: 'Hast thou considered My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a whole-hearted and an upright man, one that feareth God, and shunneth evil?' [9]Then Satan answered the LORD, and said: 'Doth Job fear God for nought? [10]Hast not Thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions are increased in the land. [11]But put forth Thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, surely he will blaspheme Thee to Thy face.' [12]And the LORD said unto Satan: 'Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thy hand.' So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

[13]And it fell on a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, [14]that there came a messenger unto Job, and said: 'The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them; [15]and the Sabeans made a raid, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.' [16]While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said: 'A

[a] That is, *the Adversary*.

fire of God is fallen from heaven, and
hath burned up the sheep, and the
servants, and consumed them; and I
only am escaped alone to tell thee.'
17 While he was yet speaking, there
came also another, and said: 'The
Chaldeans set themselves in three
bands, and fell upon the camels, and
have taken them away, yea, and slain
the servants with the edge of the
sword; and I only am escaped alone to
tell thee.' 18 While he was yet speaking,
there came also another, and said:
'Thy sons and thy daughters were
eating and drinking wine in their eldest
brother's house; 19 And, behold, there
came a great wind from across the
wilderness, and smote the four corners
of the house, and it fell upon the young
people, and they are dead; and I only
am escaped alone to tell thee.'

20 Then Job arose, and rent his
mantle, and shaved his head, and fell
down upon the ground, and
worshipped; 21 And he said;

Naked came I out of my mother's
womb,
And naked shall I return thither;
The Lord gave, and the Lord hath
taken away;
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

22 For all this Job sinned not, nor
ascribed aught unseemly to God.

2 Again it fell upon a day, that the
sons of God came to present
themselves before the Lord, and Satan
came also among them to present
himself before the Lord. 2 And the
Lord said unto Satan: 'From whence
comest thou?' And Satan answered the
Lord, and said: 'From going to and fro
in the earth, and from walking up and
down in it.' 3 And the Lord said unto
Satan: 'Hast thou considered my
servant Job, that there is none like him
in the earth, a whole-hearted and an
upright man, one that feareth God, and
shunneth evil? and he still holdeth fast
his integrity, although thou didst move
Me against him, to destroy him
without cause.' 4 And Satan answered
the Lord, and said: 'Skin for skin, yea,
all that a man hath will he give for his
life. 5 But put forth Thy hand now, and
touch his bone and his flesh, surely he
will blaspheme Thee to Thy face.'
6 And the Lord said unto Satan:
'Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare
his life.'

7 So Satan went forth from the
presence of the Lord, and smote Job
with sore boils from the sole of his
foot even unto his crown. 8 And he took
him a potsherd to scrape himself
therewith; and he sat among the ashes.
9 Then said his wife unto him: 'Dost
thou still hold fast thine integrity?
blaspheme God, and die.' 10 But he said
unto her: 'Thou speakest as one of the
impious women speaketh. What? shall
we receive good at the hand of God,
and shall we not receive evil?' For all
this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job's three friends
heard of all this evil that was come
upon him, they came every one from
his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite,
and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the

Naamathite; and they made an
appointment together to come to
bemoan him and to comfort him.
12And when they lifted up their eyes
afar off, and knew him not, they lifted
up their voice, and wept; and they rent
every one his mantle, and threw dust
upon their heads toward heaven. 13So
they sat down with him upon the
ground seven days and seven nights,
and none spoke a word unto him; for
they saw that his grief was very great.

3 After this opened Job his mouth,
and cursed his day. 2And Job
spoke, and said:

3Let the day perish wherein I was born,
And the night wherein it was said: 'A man-child is brought forth.'
4Let that day be darkness;
Let not God inquire after it from above,
Neither let the light shine upon it.
5Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own;
Let a cloud dwell upon it;
Let all that maketh black the day terrify it.
6As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon it;
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year;
Let it not come into the number of the months.
7Lo, let that night be desolate;
Let no joyful voice come therein.
8Let them curse it that curse the day,
Who are ready to rouse up leviathan.
9Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark;
Let it look for light, but have none;
Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning;
10Because it shut not up the doors of my [mother's] womb,
Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.

11Why died I not from the womb?
Why did I not perish at birth?
12Why did the knees receive me?
And wherefore the breasts, that I should suck?
13For now should I have lain still and been quiet;
I should have slept; then had I been at rest—
14With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Who built up waste places for themselves;
15Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver;
16Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been;
As infants that never saw light.
17There the wicked cease from troubling;
And there the weary are at rest.
18There the prisoners are at ease together;
They hear not the voice of the taskmaster.
19The small and great are there alike;

And the servant is free from his master.

[20]Wherewith is light given to him that is in misery,
And life unto the bitter in soul—
[21]Who long for death, but it cometh not;
And dig for it more than for hid treasures;
[22]Who rejoice unto exultation,
And are glad, when they can find the grave?—
[23]To a man whose way is hid,
And whom God hath hedged in?
[24]For my sighing cometh instead of my food,
And my roarings are poured out like water.
[25]For the thing which I did fear is come upon me,
And that which I was afraid of hath overtaken me.
[26]I was not at ease, neither was I quiet,
Neither had I rest; but trouble came.

4 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said:
[2]If one venture a word unto thee, wilt thou be weary?
But who can withhold himself from speaking?
[3]Behold, thou hast instructed many,
And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
[4]Thy words have upholden him that was falling,
And thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.
[5]But now it is come upon thee, and thou art weary;
It toucheth thee, and thou art affrighted.
[6]Is not thy fear of God thy confidence,
And thy hope the integrity of thy ways?
[7]Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent?
Or where were the upright cut off?
[8]According as I have seen, they that plow iniquity,
And sow mischief, reap the same.
[9]By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of His anger are they consumed.
[10]The lion roareth, and the fierce lion howleth—
Yet the teeth of the young lions are broken.
[11]The old lion perisheth for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.

[12]Now a word was secretly brought to me,
And mine ear received a whisper thereof.
[13]In thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falleth on men,
[14]Fear came upon me, and trembling,
And all my bones were made to shake.

15 Then a spirit passed before my face,
That made the hair of my flesh to stand up.
16 It stood still, but I could not discern the appearance thereof;
A form was before mine eyes; I heard a still voice:
17 'Shall mortal man be just before God?
Shall a man be pure before his Maker?
18 Behold, He putteth no trust in His servants,
And His angels He chargeth with folly;
19 How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust, who are crushed before the moth!
20 Betwixt morning and evening they are shattered;
They perish for ever without any regarding it.
21 Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them?
They die, and that without wisdom.'

5 Call now; is there any that will answer thee?
And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?
2 For anger killeth the foolish man,
And envy slayeth the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root;
But suddenly I beheld his habitation cursed.
4 His children are far from safety,
And are crushed in the gate, with none to deliver them.
5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorns, and the snare gapeth for their substance.
6 For affliction cometh not forth from the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
7 But man is born unto trouble,
As the sparks fly upward.

8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause;
9 Who doeth great things and unsearchable,
Marvellous things without number;
10 Who giveth rain upon the earth,
And sendeth waters upon the fields;
11 So that He setteth up on high those that are low,
And those that mourn are exalted to safety.
12 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands can perform nothing substantial.
13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness;
And the counsel of the wily is carried headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the day-time,
And grope at noonday as in the night.

15But He saveth from the sword of their mouth,
Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.
16So the poor hath hope,
And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth;
Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.
18For He maketh sore, and bindeth up;
He woundeth, and His hands make whole.
19He will deliver thee in six troubles;
Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.
20In famine He will redeem thee from death;
And in war from the power of the sword.
21Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue;
Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.
22At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh;
Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.
23For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field;
And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.
24And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace;
And thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt miss nothing.
25Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great,
And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.
26Thou shalt come to thy grave in a ripe age,
Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.
27Lo this, we have searched it,
So it is; hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

6 Then Job answered and said:
2Oh that my vexation were but weighed,
And my calamity laid in the balances altogether!
3For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas; t
Herefore are my words broken.
4For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,
The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up;
The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
5Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?
Or loweth the ox over his fodder?
6Can that which hath no savour be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the juice of mallows?
7My soul refuseth to touch them;
They are as the sickness of my flesh.

8Oh that I might have my request,
And that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9Even that it would please God to crush me;
That He would let loose His hand, and cut me off!
10Then should I yet have comfort;
Yea, I would exult in pain, though He spare not;
For I have not denied the words of the Holy One.

11What is my strength, that I should wait?
And what is mine end, that I should be patient?
12Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of brass?
13Is it that I have no help in me,
And that sound wisdom is driven quite from me?

14To him that is ready to faint kindness is due from his friend,
Even to him that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook,
As the channel of brooks that overflow,
16Which are black by reason of the ice,
And wherein the snow hideth itself;
17What time they wax warm, they vanish,
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.
18The paths of their way do wind,
They go up into the waste, and are lost.
19The caravans of Tema looked,
The companies of Sheba waited for them—
20They were ashamed because they had hoped;
They came thither, and were confounded.
21For now ye are become His;
Ye see a terror, and are afraid.
22Did I say: ‘Give unto me’?
Or: ‘Offer a present for me of your substance’?
23or: ‘Deliver me from the adversary’s hand’?
Or: ‘Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors’?

24Teach me, and I will hold my peace;
And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
25How forcible are words of uprightness!
But what doth your arguing argue?
26Do ye hold words to be an argument,
But the speeches of one that is desperate to be wind?
27Yea, ye would cast lots upon the fatherless,
And dig a pit for your friend.
28Now therefore be pleased to look upon me;
For surely I shall not lie to your face.
29Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice;
Yea, return again, my cause is righteous.

30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern crafty devices?

7 Is there not a time of service to man upon earth?
And are not his days like the days of a hireling?
2 As a servant that eagerly longeth for the shadow,
And as a hireling that looketh for his wages;
3 So am I made to possess—months of vanity,
And wearisome nights are appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say: ‘When shall I arise?’
But the night is long, and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
My skin closeth up and breaketh out afresh.
6 My days are swifter than a weaver’s shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
7 O remember that my life is a breath;
Mine eye shall no more see good.
8 The eye of him that seeth me shall behold me no more;
While Thine eyes are upon me, I am gone.
9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,
So he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.
10 He shall return no more to his house,
Neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster,
That Thou settest a watch over me?
13 When I say: ‘My bed shall comfort me,
My couch shall ease my complaint’;
14 Then Thou scarest me with dreams,
And terrifiest me through visions;
15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than these my bones.
16 I loathe it; I shall not live alway;
Let me alone; for my days are vanity.
17 What is man, that Thou shouldest magnify him,
And that Thou shouldest set Thy heart upon him,
18 And that Thou shouldest remember him every morning,
And try him every moment?
19 How long wilt Thou not look away from me,
Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 If I have sinned, what do I unto Thee, O Thou watcher of men?

Why hast Thou set me as a mark for Thee,
So that I am a burden to myself?
21 And why dost Thou not pardon my transgression,
And take away mine iniquity?
For now shall I lie down in the dust;
And Thou wilt seek me, but I shall not be.

8 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said:
2 How long wilt thou speak these things,
Seeing that the words of thy mouth are as a mighty wind?
3 Doth God pervert judgment?
Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?
4 If thy children sinned against Him,
He delivered them into the hand of their transgression.
5 If thou wouldest seek earnestly unto God,
And make thy supplication to the Almighty;
6 If thou wert pure and upright;
Surely now He would awake for thee,
And make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.
7 And though thy beginning was small,
Yet thy end should greatly increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former generation,
And apply thyself to that which their fathers have searched out—
9 For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth are a shadow—
10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,
And utter words out of their heart?
11 Can the rush shoot up without mire?
Can the reed-grass grow without water?
12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down,
It withereth before any other herb.
13 So are the paths of all that forget God;
And the hope of the godless man shall perish;
14 Whose confidence is gossamer,
And whose trust is a spider's web.
15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand;
He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.
16 He is green before the sun,
And his shoots go forth over his garden.
17 His roots are wrapped about the heap,
He beholdeth the place of stones.
18 If he be destroyed from his place,
Then it shall deny him: 'I have not seen thee.'
19 Behold, this is the joy of his way,
And out of the earth shall others spring.
20 Behold, God will not cast away an innocent man,

Neither will He uphold the evil-
doers;
21Till He fill thy mouth with
laughter,
And thy lips with shouting.
22They that hate thee shall be
clothed with shame;
And the tent of the wicked shall be
no more.

9 Then Job answered and said:
2Of a truth I know that it is so;
And how can man be just with God?
3If one should desire to contend with
Him,
He could not answer Him one of a
thousand.
4He is wise in heart, and mighty in
strength;
Who hath hardened himself against
Him, and prospered?
5Who removeth the mountains, and
they know it not,
When He overturneth them in His
anger.
6Who shaketh the earth out of her
place,
And the pillars thereof tremble.
7Who commandeth the sun, and it
riseth not;
And sealeth up the stars.
8Who alone stretcheth out the
heavens,
And treadeth upon the waves of the
sea.
9Who maketh the Bear, Orion, and
the Pleiades,
And the chambers of the south.
10Who doeth great things past
finding out;
Yea, marvellous things without
number.
11Lo, He goeth by me, and I see Him
not.
He passeth on also, but I perceive
Him not.
12Behold, He snatcheth away, who
can hinder Him?
Who will say unto Him: 'What
doest Thou?'
13God will not withdraw His anger;
The helpers of Rahab did stoop
under Him.

14How much less shall I answer
Him,
And choose out my arguments with
Him?
15Whom, though I were righteous,
yet would I not answer;
I would make supplication to Him
that contendeth with me.
16If I had called, and He had
answered me;
Yet would I not believe that He
would hearken unto my voice—
17He that would break me with a
tempest,
And multiply my wounds without
cause;
18That would not suffer me to take
my breath,
But fill me with bitterness.
19If it be a matter of strength, lo, He
is mighty!
And if of justice, who will appoint
me a time?

20 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall condemn me;
Though I be innocent, He shall prove me perverse.
21 I am innocent—I regard not myself,
I despise my life.
22 It is all one—therefore I say:
He destroyeth the innocent and the wicked.
23 If the scourge slay suddenly,
He will mock at the calamity of the guiltless.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked;
He covereth the faces of the judges thereof;
If it be not He, who then is it?
25 Now my days are swifter than a runner;
They flee away, they see no good.
26 They are passed away as the swift ships;
As the vulture that swoopeth on the prey.
27 If I say: ‘I will forget my complaint,
I will put off my sad countenance, and be of good cheer’,
28 I am afraid of all my pains,
I know that Thou wilt not hold me guiltless.
29 I shall be condemned;
Why then do I labour in vain?
30 If I wash myself with snow water,
And make my hands never so clean;
31 Yet wilt Thou plunge me in the ditch,
And mine own clothes shall abhor me.
32 For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him,
That we should come together in judgment.
33 There is no arbiter betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.
34 Let Him take His rod away from me,
And let not His terror make me afraid;
5 Then would I speak, and not fear Him;
For I am not so with myself.

10 My soul is weary of my life;
I will give free course to my complaint;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
2 I will say unto God: Do not condemn me;
Make me know wherefore Thou contendest with me.
3 Is it good unto Thee that Thou shouldest oppress,
That Thou shouldest despise the work of Thy hands,
And shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Hast Thou eyes of flesh?
Or seest Thou as man seeth?
5 Are Thy days as the days of man,
Or Thy years as a man’s days,
6 That Thou inquirest after mine iniquity,
And searchest after my sin,

7Although Thou knowest that I shall not be condemned;
And there is none that can deliver out of Thy hand?
8Thy hands have framed me and fashioned me
Together round about; yet Thou dost destroy me!
9Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou hast fashioned me as clay;
And wilt Thou bring me into dust again?
10Hast Thou not poured me out as milk,
And curdled me like cheese?
11Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews.
12Thou hast granted me life and favour,
And Thy providence hath preserved my spirit.
13Yet these things Thou didst hide in Thy heart;
I know that this is with Thee;
14If I sin, then Thou markest me,
And Thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15If I be wicked, woe unto me;
And if I be righteous, yet shall I not lift up my head—
Being filled with ignominy
And looking upon mine affliction.
16And if it exalt itself, Thou huntest me as a lion;
And again Thou showest Thyself marvellous upon me.
17Thou renewest Thy witnesses against me,
And increasest Thine indignation upon me;
Host succeeding host against me.

18Wherefore then hast Thou brought me forth out of the womb?
Would that I had perished, and no eye had seen me!
19I should have been as though I had not been;
I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
20Are not my days few? Cease then,
And let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,
21Before I go whence I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death;
22A land of thick darkness, as darkness itself;
A land of the shadow of death, without any order,
And where the light is as darkness.

11 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said:
2Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be accounted right?
3Thy boastings have made men hold their peace,
And thou hast mocked, with none to make thee ashamed;
4And thou hast said: ‘My doctrine is pure,

And I am clean in Thine eyes.'
5But oh that God would speak,
And open His lips against thee;
6And that He would tell thee the secrets of wisdom,
That sound wisdom is manifold!
Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

7Canst thou find out the deep things of God?
Canst thou attain unto the purpose of the Almighty?
8It is high as heaven; what canst thou do?
Deeper than the nether-world; what canst thou know?
9The measure thereof is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
10If He pass by, and shut up,
Or gather in, then who can hinder Him?
11For He knoweth base men;
And when He seeth iniquity, will He not then consider it?
12But an empty man will get understanding,
When a wild ass's colt is born a man.

13If thou set thy heart aright,
And stretch out thy hands toward Him—
14If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away,
And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents—
15Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
Yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear;
16For thou shalt forget thy misery;
Thou shalt remember it as waters that are passed away;
17And thy life shall be clearer than the noonday;
Though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.
18And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;
Yea, thou shalt look about thee, and shalt take thy rest in safety.
19Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid;
Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.
20But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
And they shall have no way to flee,
And their hope shall be the drooping of the soul.

12 Then Job answered and said:
2No doubt but ye are the people,
And wisdom shall die with you.
3But I have understanding as well as you;
I am not inferior to you;
Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
4I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his neighbour,
A man that called upon God,
And He answered him;

The just, the innocent man is a
laughing-stock,
5A contemptible brand in the
thought of him that is at ease,
A thing ready for them whose foot
slippeth.
6The tents of robbers prosper,
And they that provoke God are
secure,
In whatsoever God bringeth into
their hand.

7But ask now the beasts, and they
shall teach thee;
And the fowls of the air, and they
shall tell thee;
8Or speak to the earth, and it shall
teach thee;
And the fishes of the sea shall
declare unto thee;
9Who knoweth not among all these,
That the hand of the LORD hath
wrought this?
10In whose hand is the soul of every
living thing,
And the breath of all mankind.—
11Doth not the ear try words,
Even as the palate tasteth its food?
12Is wisdom with aged men,
And understanding in length of
days?—
13With Him is wisdom and might;
He hath counsel and understanding.
14Behold, He breaketh down, and it
cannot be built again;
He shutteth up a man, and there can
be no opening.
15Behold, He withholdeth the
waters, and they dry up;
Also He sendeth them out, and they
overturn the earth.
16With Him is strength and sound
wisdom;
The deceived and the deceiver are
His.
17He leadeth counsellors away
stripped,
And judges maketh He fools.
18He looseth the bond of kings,
And bindeth their loins with a
girdle.
19He leadeth priests away stripped,
And overthroweth the mighty.
20He removeth the speech of men of
trust,
And taketh away the sense of the
elders.
21He poureth contempt upon princes,
And looseth the belt of the strong.
22He uncovereth deep things out of
darkness,
And bringeth out to light the shadow
of death.
23He increaseth the nations, and
destroyeth them;
He enlargeth the nations, and
leadeth them away.
24He taketh away the heart of the
chiefs of the people of the land,
And causeth them to wander in a
wilderness where there is no way.
25They grope in the dark without
light,
And He maketh them to stagger like
a drunken man.

13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all this,
Mine ear hath heard and

understood it.
2What ye know, do I know also;
I am not inferior unto you.
3Notwithstanding I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with God.
4But ye are plasterers of lies,
Ye are all physicians of no value.
5Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace!
And it would be your wisdom.
6Hear now my reasoning,
And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
7Will ye speak unrighteously for God,
And talk deceitfully for Him?
8Will ye show Him favour?
Will ye contend for God?
9Would it be good that He should search you out?
Or as one mocketh a man, will ye mock Him?
10He will surely reprove you,
If ye do secretly show favour.
11Shall not His majesty terrify you,
And His dread fall upon you?
12Your memorials shall be like unto ashes,
Your eminences to eminences of clay.

13Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak,
And let come on me what will.
14Wherefore? I will take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in my hand.
15Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him;
But I will argue my ways before Him.
16This also shall be my salvation,
That a hypocrite cannot come before Him.
17Hear diligently my speech,
And let my declaration be in your ears.
18Behold now, I have ordered my cause;
I know that I shall be justified.
19Who is he that will contend with me?
For then would I hold my peace and die.

20Only do not two things unto me,
Then will I not hide myself from Thee:
21Withdraw Thy hand far from me;
And let not Thy terror make me afraid.
22Then call Thou, and I will answer;
Or let me speak, and answer Thou me.
23How many are mine iniquities and sins?
Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
24Wherefore hidest Thou Thy face,
And holdest me for Thine enemy?
25Wilt Thou harass a driven leaf?
And wilt Thou pursue the dry stubble?
26That Thou shouldest write bitter things against me,

And make me to inherit the
iniquities of my youth.
27Thou puttest my feet also in the
stocks,
And lookest narrowly unto all my
paths;
Thou drawest Thee a line about the
soles of my feet;
28Though I am like a wine-skin that
consumeth,
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 Man that is born of a woman
Is of few days, and full of
trouble.
2He cometh forth like a flower, and
withereth;
He fleeth also as a shadow, and
continueth not.
3And dost Thou open Thine eyes
upon such a one,
And bringest me into judgment with
Thee?
4Who can bring a clean thing out of
an unclean? not one.
5Seeing his days are determined,
The number of his months is with
Thee,
And Thou hast appointed his bounds
that he cannot pass;
6Look away from him, that he may
rest,
Till he shall accomplish, as a
hireling, his day.

7For there is hope of a tree,
If it be cut down, that it will sprout
again,
And that the tender branch thereof
will not cease.
8Though the root thereof wax old in
the earth,
And the stock thereof die in the
ground;
9Yet through the scent of water it
will bud,
And put forth boughs like a plant.
10But man dieth, and lieth low;
Yea, man perisheth, and where is
he?
11As the waters fail from the sea,
And the river is drained dry;
12So man lieth down and riseth not;
Till the heavens be no more, they
shall not awake,
Nor be roused out of their sleep.
13Oh that Thou wouldest hide me in
the nether-world,
That Thou wouldest keep me secret,
until Thy wrath be past,
That Thou wouldest appoint me a
set time, and remember me!—
14If a man die, may he live again?
All the days of my service would I
wait, till my relief should come—
15Thou wouldest call, and I would
answer Thee;
Thou wouldest have a desire to the
work of Thy hands.
16But now Thou numberest my
steps,
Thou dost not even wait for my sin;
17My transgression is sealed up in a
bag,
And Thou heapest up mine iniquity.
18And surely the mountain falling
crumbleth away,

And the rock is removed out of its place;
19The waters wear the stones;
The overflowings thereof wash away the dust of the earth;
So Thou destroyest the hope of man.
20Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth;
Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.
21His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not;
And they are brought low, but he regardeth them not.
22But his flesh grieveth for him,
And his soul mourneth over him.

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said:
2Should a wise man make answer with windy knowledge,
And fill his belly with the east wind?
3Should he reason with unprofitable talk,
Or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?
4Yea, thou doest away with fear,
And impairest devotion before God.
5For thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth,
And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.
6Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I;
Yea, thine own lips testify against thee.
7Art thou the first man that was born?
Or wast thou brought forth before the hills?
8Dost thou hearken in the council of God?
And dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?
9What knowest thou, that we know not?
What understandest thou, which is not in us?
10With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged men,
Much older than thy father.
11Are the consolations of God too small for thee,
And the word that dealeth gently with thee?
12Why doth thy heart carry thee away?
And why do thine eyes wink?
13That thou turnest thy spirit against God,
And lettest such words go out of thy mouth.
14What is man, that he should be clean?
And he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?
15Behold, He putteth no trust in His holy ones;
Yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight.
16How much less one that is abominable and impure,
Man who drinketh iniquity like water!

17 I will tell thee, hear thou me;
And that which I have seen I will declare—
18 Which wise men have told
From their fathers, and have not hid it;
19 Unto whom alone the land was given,
And no stranger passed among them.
20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days,
Even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor.
21 A sound of terrors is in his ears:
In prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him.
22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness,
And he is waited for of the sword.
23 He wandereth abroad for bread: 'Where is it?'
He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand.
24 Distress and anguish overwhelm him;
They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.
25 Because he hath stretched out his hand against God,
And behaveth himself proudly against the Almighty;
26 He runneth upon him with a stiff neck,
With the thick bosses of his bucklers.
27 Because he hath covered his face with his fatness,
And made collops of fat on his loins;
28 And he hath dwelt in desolate cities,
In houses which no man would inhabit,
Which were ready to become heaps.
29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue,
Neither shall their produce bend to the earth.
30 He shall not depart out of darkness;
The flame shall dry up his branches,
And by the breath of His mouth shall he go away.
31 Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself;
For vanity shall be his recompense.
32 It shall be accomplished before his time,
And his branch shall not be leafy.
33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the vine,
And shall cast off his flower as the olive.
34 For the company of the godless shall be desolate,
And fire shall consume the tents of bribery.
35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity,
And their belly prepareth deceit.

16 Then Job answered and said:
2 I have heard many such things;
Sorry comforters are ye all.
3 Shall windy words have an end?

Or what provoketh thee that thou
answerest?
4 I also could speak as ye do;
If your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could join words together against
you,
And shake my head at you.
5 I would strengthen you with my
mouth,
And the moving of my lips would
assuage your grief.

6 Though I speak, my pain is not
assuaged;
And though I forbear, what am I
eased?
7 But now He hath made me weary;
Thou hast made desolate all my
company.
8 And Thou hast shrivelled me up,
which is a witness against me;
And my leanness riseth up against
me, it testifieth to my face.
9 He hath torn me in His wrath, and
hated me;
He hath gnashed upon me with His
teeth;
Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes
upon me.
10 They have gaped upon me with
their mouth;
They have smitten me upon the
cheek scornfully;
They gather themselves together
against me.
11 God delivereth me to the ungodly,
And casteth me into the hands of the
wicked.
12 I was at ease, and He broke me
asunder;
Yea, He hath taken me by the neck,
and dashed me to pieces;
He hath also set me up for His mark.
13 His archers compass me round
about,
He cleaveth my reins asunder, and
doth not spare;
He poureth out my gall upon the
ground.
14 He breaketh me with breach upon
breach;
He runneth upon me like a giant.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my
skin,
And have laid my horn in the dust.
16 My face is reddened with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of
death;
17 Although there is no violence in
my hands,
And my prayer is pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry have no resting-
place.
19 Even now, behold, my Witness is
in heaven,
And He that testifieth of me is on
high.
20 Mine inward thoughts are my
intercessors,
Mine eye poureth out tears unto
God;
21 That He would set aright a man
contending with God,
As a son of man setteth aright his
neighbour!

22 For the years that are few are coming on,
And I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,
The grave is ready for me.
2 Surely there are mockers with me,
And mine eye abideth in their provocation.
3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with Thyself;
Who else is there that will strike hands with me?
4 For Thou hast hid their heart from understanding;
Therefore shalt Thou not exalt them.
5 He that denounceth his friends for the sake of flattery,
Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also a byword of the people;
And I am become one in whose face they spit.
7 Mine eye also is dimmed by reason of vexation,
And all my members are as a shadow.
8 Upright men are astonished at this,
And the innocent stirreth up himself against the godless.
9 Yet the righteous holdeth on his way,
And he that hath clean hands waxeth stronger and stronger.
10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come now;
And I shall not find a wise man among you.
11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off,
Even the thoughts of my heart.
12 They change the night into day;
The light is short because of darkness.
13 If I look for the nether-world as my house;
If I have spread my couch in the darkness;
14 If I have said to corruption: 'Thou art my father',
To the worm: 'Thou art my mother, and my sister';
15 Where then is my hope?
And as for my hope, who shall see it?
16 They shall go down to the bars of the nether-world,
When we are at rest together in the dust.

18 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said:
2 How long will ye lay snares for words?
Consider, and afterwards we will speak.
3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
And reputed dull in your sight?
4 Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger,
Shall the earth be forsaken for thee?
Or shall the rock be removed out of its place?

5Yea, the light of the wicked shall
be put out,
And the spark of his fire shall not
shine.
6The light shall be dark in his tent,
And his lamp over him shall be put
out.
7The steps of his strength shall be
straitened,
And his own counsel shall cast him
down.
8For he is cast into a net by his own
feet,
And he walketh upon the toils.
9A gin shall take him by the heel,
And a snare shall lay hold on him.
10A noose is hid for him in the
ground,
And a trap for him in the way.
11Terrors shall overwhelm him on
every side,
And shall entrap him at his feet.
12His trouble shall be ravenous,
And calamity shall be ready for his
fall.
13It shall devour the members of his
body,
Yea, the first-born of death shall
devour his members.
14That wherein he trusteth shall be
plucked out of his tent;
And he shall be brought to the king
of terrors.
15There shall dwell in his tent that
which is none of his;
Brimstone shall be scattered upon
his habitation.
16His roots shall dry up beneath,
And above shall his branch wither.
17His remembrance shall perish
from the earth,
And he shall have no name abroad.
18He shall be driven from light into
darkness,
And chased out of the world.
19He shall have neither son nor son’s
son among his people,
Nor any remaining in his dwellings.
20They that come after shall be
astonished at his day,
As they that went before are
affrighted.
21Surely such are the dwellings of
the wicked,
And this is the place of him that
knoweth not God.

19 Then Job answered and said:
2How long will ye vex my
soul,
And crush me with words?
3These ten times have ye reproached
me;
Ye are not ashamed that ye deal
harshly with me.
4And be it indeed that I have erred,
Mine error remaineth with myself.
5If indeed ye will magnify
yourselves against me,
And plead against me my reproach;
6Know now that God hath subverted
my cause,
And hath compassed me with His
net.
7Behold, I cry out: ‘Violence! ’ but I
am not heard;
I cry aloud, but there is no justice.

8He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass,
And hath set darkness in my paths.
9He hath stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown from my head.
10He hath broken me down on every side, and I am gone;
And my hope hath He plucked up like a tree.
11He hath also kindled His wrath against me,
And He counteth me unto Him as one of His adversaries.
12His troops come on together,
And cast up their way against me,
And encamp round about my tent.
13He hath put my brethren far from me,
And mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.
14My kinsfolk have failed,
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.
15They that dwell in my house, and my maids, count me for a stranger;
I am become an alien in their sight.
16I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no answer,
Though I entreat him with my mouth.
17My breath is abhorred of my wife,
And I am loathsome to the children of my tribe.
18Even urchins despised me;
If I arise, they speak against me.
19All my intimate friends abhor me;
And they whom I loved are turned against me.
20My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,
And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends;
For the hand of God hath touched me.
22Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?
23Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
24That with an iron pen and lead
They were graven in the rock for ever!
25But as for me, I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He will witness at the last upon the dust;
26And when after my skin this is destroyed,
Then without my flesh shall I see God;
27Whom I, even I, shall see for myself,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not another’s.
My reins are consumed within me.
28If ye say: ‘How we will persecute him! ’
Seeing that the root of the matter is found in me;
29Be ye afraid of the sword;
For wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword,

That ye may know there is a
judgment.

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Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said:
2 Therefore do my thoughts give
answer to me,
Even by reason of mine agitation
that is in me.
3 I have heard the reproof which
putteth me to shame,
But out of my understanding my
spirit answereth me.

4 Knowest thou not this of old time,
Since man was placed upon earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked
is short,
And the joy of the godless but for a
moment?
6 Though his excellency mount up to
the heavens,
And his head reach unto the clouds;
7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his
own dung;
They that have seen him shall say:
'Where is he?'
8 He shall fly away as a dream, and
shall not be found;
Yea, he shall be chased away as a
vision of the night.
9 The eye which saw him shall see
him no more;
Neither shall his place any more
behold him.
10 His children shall appease the
poor,
And his hands shall restore his
wealth.
11 His bones are full of his youth,
But it shall lie down with him in the
dust.
12 Though wickedness be sweet in
his mouth,
Though he hide it under his tongue;
13 Though he spare it, and will not let
it go,
But keep it still within his mouth;
14 Yet his food in his bowels is
turned,
It is the gall of asps within him.
15 He hath swallowed down riches,
and he shall vomit them up again;
God shall cast them out of his belly.
16 He shall suck the poison of asps;
The viper's tongue shall slay him.
17 He shall not look upon the rivers,
The flowing streams of honey and
curd.
18 That which he laboured for shall
he give back, and shall not
swallow it down;
According to the substance that he
hath gotten, he shall not rejoice.
19 For he hath oppressed and
forsaken the poor;
He hath violently taken away a
house, and he shall not build it
up.
20 Because he knew no quietness
within him,
In his greed he suffered nought to
escape,
21 There was nothing left that he
devoured not—
Therefore his prosperity shall not
endure.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits;
The hand of every one that is in misery shall come upon him.
23 It shall be for the filling of his belly;
He shall cast the fierceness of His wrath upon him,
And shall cause it to rain upon him into his flesh.
24 If he flee from the iron weapon,
The bow of brass shall strike him through.
25 He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of his body;
Yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall;
Terrors are upon him.
26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures;
A fire not blown by man shall consume him;
It shall go ill with him that is left in his tent.
27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity,
And the earth shall rise up against him.
28 The increase of his house shall depart,
His goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.
29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,
And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

21 Then Job answered and said:
2 Hear diligently my speech;
And let this be your consolations.
3 Suffer me, that I may speak;
And after that I have spoken, mock on.
4 As for me, is my complaint to man?
Or why should I not be impatient?
5 Turn unto me, and be astonished,
And lay your hand upon your mouth.
6 Even when I remember I am affrighted,
And horror hath taketh hold on my flesh.
7 Wherefore do the wicked live,
Become old, yea, wax mighty in power?
8 Their seed is established in their sight with them,
And their offspring before their eyes.
9 Their houses are safe, without fear,
Neither is the rod of God upon them.
10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not;
Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.
11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
And their children dance.
12 They sing to the timbrel and harp,
And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.
13 They spend their days in prosperity,
And peacefully they go down to the grave.
14 Yet they said unto God: ‘Depart from us;

For we desire not the knowledge of
Thy ways.
15What is the Almighty, that we
should serve Him?
And what profit should we have, if
we pray unto Him?'—
16Lo, their prosperity is not in their
hand;
The counsel of the wicked is far
from me.

17How oft is it that the lamp of the
wicked is put out?
That their calamity cometh upon
them?
That He distributeth pains in His
anger?
18That they are as stubble before the
wind,
And as chaff that the storm stealeth
away?
19'God layeth up his iniquity for his
children! '—
Let Him recompense it unto himself,
that he may know it.
20Let his own eyes see his
destruction,
And let him drink of the wrath of
the Almighty.
21For what pleasure hath he in his
house after him?
Seeing the number of his months is
determined.

22Shall any teach God knowledge?
Seeing it is He that judgeth those
that are high.
23One dieth in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and quiet;
24His pails are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is
moistened.
25And another dieth in bitterness of
soul,
And hath never tasted of good.
26They lie down alike in the dust,
And the worm covereth them.

27Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the devices which ye
wrongfully imagine against me.
28For ye say: 'Where is the house of
the prince?
And where is the tent wherein the
wicked dwelt?'
29Have ye not asked them that go by
the way;
And will ye misdeem their tokens,
30That the evil man is reserved to the
day of calamity,
That they are led forth to the day of
wrath?
31But who shall declare his way to
his face?
And who shall repay him what he
hath done?
32For he is borne to the grave,
And watch is kept over his tomb.
33The clods of the valley are sweet
unto him,
And all men draw after him,
As there were innumerable before
him.
34How then comfort ye me in vain?
And as for your answers, there
remaineth only faithlessness?

22 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said:
2 Can a man be profitable unto God?
Or can he that is wise be profitable unto Him?
3 Is it any advantage to the Almighty, that thou art righteous?
Or is it gain to Him, that thou makest thy ways blameless?
4 Is it for thy fear of Him that He reproveth thee,
That He entereth with thee into judgment?
5 Is not thy wickedness great?
And are not thine iniquities without end?
6 For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought,
And stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink,
And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.
8 And as a mighty man, who hath the earth,
And as a man of rank, who dwelleth in it,
9 Thou hast sent widows away empty,
And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
10 Therefore snares are round about thee,
And sudden dread affrighted thee,
11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see,
And abundance of waters cover thee.
12 Is not God in the height of heaven?
And behold the topmost of the stars, how high they are!
13 And thou sayest: 'What doth God know?
Can He judge through the dark cloud?
14 Thick clouds are a covering to Him, that He seeth not;
And He walketh in the circuit of heaven.'
15 Wilt thou keep the old way
Which wicked men have trodden?
16 Who were snatched away before their time,
Whose foundation was poured out as a stream;
17 Who said unto God: 'Depart from us';
And what could the Almighty do unto them?
18 Yet He filled their houses with good things—
But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
19 The righteous saw it, and were glad,
And the innocent laugh them to scorn:
20 'Surely their substance is cut off,
And their abundance the fire hath consumed.'

21 Acquaint now thyself with Him, and be at peace;
Thereby shall thine increase be good.
22 Receive, I pray thee, instruction from His mouth,

And lay up His words in thy heart.
23If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up—
If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy tents,
24And lay thy treasure in the dust,
And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks;
25And the Almighty be thy treasure,
And precious silver unto thee;
26Then surely shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty,
And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
27Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He will hear thee,
And thou shalt pay thy vows;
28Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee,
And light shall shine upon thy ways.

29When they cast thee down, thou shalt say: 'There is lifting up';
For the humble person He saveth.
30He delivereth him that is innocent,
Yea, thou shalt be delivered through the cleanness of thy hands.

23 Then Job answered and said:
2Even to-day is my complaint bitter;
My hand is become heavy because of my groaning.
3Oh that I knew where I might find Him,
That I might come even to His seat!
4I would order my cause before Him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5I would know the words which He would answer me,
And understand what He would say unto me.
6Would He contend with me in His great power?
Nay; but He would give heed unto me.
7There the upright might reason with Him;
So should I be delivered for ever from my Judge.

8Behold, I go forward, but He is not there,
And backward, but I cannot perceive Him;
9On the left hand, when He doth work, but I cannot behold Him,
He turneth Himself to the right hand, but I cannot see Him.

10For He knoweth the way that I take;
When He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11My foot hath held fast to His steps,
His way have I kept, and turned not aside.
12I have not gone back from the commandment of His lips;
I have treasured up the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

13But He is at one with Himself, and who can turn Him?
And what His soul desireth, even that He doeth.

14For He will perform that which is appointed for me;
And many such things are with Him.
15Therefore am I affrighted at His presence;
When I consider, I am afraid of Him.
16Yea, God hath made my heart faint,
And the Almighty hath affrighted me;
17Because I was not cut off before the darkness,
Neither did He cover the thick darkness from my face.

24 Why are times not laid up by the Almighty?
And why do not they that know Him see His days?
2There are that remove the landmarks;
They violently take away flocks, and feed them.
3They drive away the ass of the fatherless,
They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
4They turn the needy out of the way;
The poor of the earth hide themselves together.
5Behold, as wild asses in the wilderness
They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for food;
The desert yieldeth them bread for their children.
6They cut his provender in the field;
And they despoil the vineyard of the wicked.
7They lie all night naked without clothing,
And have no covering in the cold.
8They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
And embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
9There are that pluck the fatherless from the breast,
And take a pledge of the poor;
10So that they go about naked without clothing,
And being hungry they carry the sheaves;
11They make oil within the rows of these men;
They tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.
12From out of the populous city men groan,
And the soul of the wounded crieth out;
Yet God imputeth it not for unseemliness.

13These are of them that rebel against the light;
They know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
14The murderer riseth with the light, to kill the poor and needy;
And in the night he is as a thief.
15The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,
Saying: 'No eye shall see me';
And he putteth a covering on his face.

16In the dark they dig through houses;
They shut themselves up in the day-time;
They know not the light.
17For the shadow of death is to all of them as the morning;
For they know the terrors of the shadow of death.

18He is swift upon the face of the waters;
Their portion is cursed in the earth;
He turneth not by the way of the vineyards.
19Drought and heat consume the snow waters;
So doth the nether-world those that have sinned.
20The womb forgetteth him; the worm feedeth sweetly on him;
He shall be no more remembered;
And unrighteousness is broken as a tree.
21He devoureth the barren that beareth not;
And doeth not good to the widow.
22He draweth away the mighty also by his power;
He riseth up, and he trusteth not his own life.
23Though it be given him to be in safety, whereon he resteth,
Yet His eyes are upon their ways.
24They are exalted for a little while, and they are gone;
Yea, they are brought low, they are gathered in as all others,
And wither as the tops of the ears of corn.
25And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar,
And make my speech nothing worth?

25 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said:
2Dominion and fear are with Him;
He maketh peace in His high places.
3Is there any number of His armies?
And upon whom doth not His light arise?
4How then can man be just with God?
Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?
5Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,
And the stars are not pure in His sight;
6How much less man, that is a worm!
And the son of man, that is a maggot!

26 Then Job answered and said:
2How hast thou helped him that is without power!
How hast thou saved the arm that hath no strength!
3How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom,
And plentifully declared sound knowledge!
4With whose help hast thou uttered words?

And whose spirit came forth from thee?

5The shades tremble
Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.
6The nether-world is naked before Him,
And Destruction hath no covering.
7He stretcheth out the north over the empty space,
And hangeth the earth over nothing.
8He bindeth up the waters in His thick clouds;
And the cloud is not rent under them.
9He closeth in the face of His throne,
And spreadeth His cloud upon it.
10He hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters,
Unto the confines of light and darkness.
11The pillars of heaven tremble
And are astonished at His rebuke.
12He stirreth up the sea with His power,
And by His understanding He smiteth through Rahab.
13By His breath the heavens are serene;
His hand hath pierced the slant serpent.
14Lo, these are but the outskirts of His ways;
And how small a whisper is heard of Him!
But the thunder of His mighty deeds who can understand?

27 And Job again took up his parable, and said:
2As God liveth, who hath taken away my right;
And the Almighty, who hath dealt bitterly with me;
3All the while my breath is in me
And the spirit of God is in my nostrils,
4Surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness,
Neither shall my tongue utter deceit;
5Far be it from me that I should justify you;
Till I die I will not put away mine integrity from me.
6My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go;
My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

7Let mine enemy be as the wicked,
And let him that riseth up against me be as the unrighteous.
8For what is the hope of the godless, though he get him gain,
When God taketh away his soul?
9Will God hear his cry,
When trouble cometh upon him?
10Will he have his delight in the Almighty,
And call upon God at all times?
11I will teach you concerning the hand of God;
That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
12Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it;

Why then are ye become altogether vain?
13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty.
14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword;
And his offspring shall not have bread enough.
15 Those that remain of him shall be buried by pestilence,
And his widows shall make no lamentation.
16 Though he heap up silver as the dust,
And prepare raiment as the clay;
17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on,
And the innocent shall divide the silver.
18 He buildeth his house as a moth,
And as a booth which the keeper maketh.
19 He lieth down rich, but there shall be nought to gather;
He openeth his eyes, and his wealth is not.
20 Terrors overtake him like waters;
A tempest stealeth him away in the night.
21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth;
And it sweepeth him out of his place.
22 Yea, it hurleth at him, and spareth not;
He would fain flee from its power.
23 Men shall clap their hands at him,
And shall hiss him out of his place.

28 For there is a mine for silver,
And a place for gold which they refine.
2 Iron is taken out of the dust,
And brass is molten out of the stone.
3 Man setteth an end to darkness,
And searcheth out to the furthest bound
The stones of thick darkness and of the shadow of death.
4 He breaketh open a shaft away from where men sojourn;
They are forgotten of the foot that passeth by;
They hang afar from men, they swing to and fro.
5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread,
And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
6 The stones thereof are the place of sapphires,
And it hath dust of gold.
7 That path no bird of prey knoweth,
Neither hath the falcon’s eye seen it;
8 The proud beasts have not trodden it,
Nor hath the lion passed thereby.
9 He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock;
He overturneth the mountains by the roots.
10 He cutteth out channels among the rocks;
And his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 He bindeth the streams that they trickle not;
And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.

12 But wisdom, where shall it be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
13 Man knoweth not the price thereof;
Neither is it found in the land of the living.
14 The deep saith: 'It is not in me';
And the sea saith: 'It is not with me.'
15 It cannot be gotten for gold,
Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
17 Gold and glass cannot equal it;
Neither shall the exchange thereof be vessels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal;
Yea, the price of wisdom is above rubies.
19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it,
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.

20 Whence then cometh wisdom?
And where is the place of understanding?
21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living,
And kept close from the fowls of the air.
22 Destruction and Death say:
'We have heard a rumor thereof with our ears.'
23 God understandeth the way thereof,
And He knoweth the place thereof.
24 For He looketh to the ends of the earth,
And seeth under the whole heaven;
25 When He maketh a weight for the wind,
And meteth out the waters by measure.
26 When He made a decree for the rain,
And a way for the storm of thunders;
27 Then did He see it, and declare it;
He established it, yea, and searched it out.

28 And unto man He said:
'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;
And to depart from evil is understanding.'

29 And Job again took up his parable, and said:
2 Oh that I were as in the months of old,
As in the days when God watched over me;
3 When His lamp shined above my head,

And by His light I walked through darkness;
4As I was in the days of my youth,
When the converse of God was upon my tent;
5When the Almighty was yet with me,
And my children were about me;
6When my steps were washed with butter,
And the rock poured me out rivers of oil!
7When I went forth to the gate unto the city,
When I prepared my seat in the broad place,
8The young men saw me and hid themselves,
And the aged rose up and stood;
9The princes refrained talking,
And laid their hand on their mouth;
10The voice of the nobles was hushed,
And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
11For when the ear heard me, then it blessed me,
And when the eye saw me, it gave witness unto me;
12Because I delivered the poor that cried,
The fatherless also, that had none to help him.
13The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
14I put on righteousness, and it clothed itself with me;
My justice was as a robe and a diadem.
15I was eyes to the blind,
And feet was I to the lame.
16I was a father to the needy;
And the cause of him that I knew not I searched out.
17And I broke the jaws of the unrighteous,
And plucked the prey out of his teeth.
18Then I said: 'I shall die with my nest,
And I shall multiply my days as the phoenix;
19My root shall be spread out to the waters,
And the dew shall lie all night upon my branch;
20My glory shall be fresh in me,
And my bow shall be renewed in my hand.'

21Unto me men gave ear, and waited,
And kept silence for my counsel.
22After my words they spoke not again;
And my speech dropped upon them.
23And they waited for me as for the rain;
And they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
24If I laughed on them, they believed it not;
And the light of my countenance they cast not down.
25I chose out their way, and sat as chief,

And dwelt as a king in the army,
As one that comforteth the mourners.

30 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision,
Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs of my flock.
2 Yea, the strength of their hands, whereto should it profit me?
Men in whom ripe age is perished.
3 They are gaunt with want and famine;
They gnaw the dry ground, in the gloom of wasteness and desolation.
4 They pluck salt-wort with wormwood;
And the roots of the broom are their food.
5 They are driven forth from the midst of men;
They cry after them as after a thief.
6 In the clefts of the valleys must they dwell,
In holes of the earth and of the rocks.
7 Among the bushes they bray;
Under the nettles they are gathered together.
8 They are children of churls, yea, children of ignoble men;
They were scourged out of the land.

9 And now I am become their song,
Yea, I am a byword unto them.
10 They abhor me, they flee far from me,
And spare not to spit in my face.
11 For He hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me,
And they have cast off the bridle before me.
12 Upon my right hand rise the brood;
They entangle my feet,
And they cast up against me their ways of destruction.
13 They break up my path,
They further my calamity,
Even men that have no helper.
14 As through a wide breach they come;
In the midst of the ruin they roll themselves upon me.
15 Terrors are turned upon me,
They chase mine honour as the wind;
And my welfare is passed away as a cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out within me;
Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
17 In the night my bones are pierced, and fall from me,
And my sinews take no rest.
18 By the great force [of my disease] is my garment disfigured;
It bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
19 He hath cast me into the mire,
And I am become like dust and ashes.
20 I cry unto Thee, and Thou dost not answer me;
I stand up, and Thou lookest at me.

21 Thou art turned to be cruel to me;
With the might of Thy hand Thou hatest me.
22 Thou liftest me up to the wind, Thou causest me to ride upon it;
And Thou dissolvest my substance.
23 For I know that Thou wilt bring me to death,
And to the house appointed for all living.

24 Surely none shall put forth his hand to a ruinous heap,
Neither because of these things shall help come in one's calamity,
25 If I have not wept for him that was in trouble,
And if my soul grieved not for the needy.
26 Yet, when I looked for good, there came evil;
And when I waited for light, there came darkness.
27 Mine inwards boil, and rest not;
Days of affliction are come upon me.
28 I go mourning without the sun;
I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.
29 I am become a brother to jackals,
And a companion to ostriches.
30 My skin is black, and falleth from me,
And my bones are burned with heat.
31 Therefore is my harp turned to mourning,
And my pipe into the voice of them that weep.

# 31

I made a covenant with mine eyes;
How then should I look upon a maid?
2 For what would be the portion of God from above,
And the heritage of the Almighty from on high?
3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous,
And disaster to the workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not He see my ways,
And count all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity,
And my foot hath hasted to deceit—
6 Let me be weighed in a just balance,
That God may know mine integrity—
7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
And my heart walked after mine eyes,
And if any spot hath cleaved to my hands;
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat;
Yea, let the produce of my field be rooted out.

9 If my heart have been enticed unto a woman,
And I have lain in wait at my neighbour's door;
10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.

11For that were a heinous crime;
Yea, it were an iniquity to be punished by the judges.
12For it is a fire that consumeth unto destruction,
And would root out all mine increase.

13If I did despise the cause of my man-servant,
Or of my maid-servant, when they contended with me—
14What then shall I do when God riseth up?
And when He remembereth, what shall I answer Him?
15Did not He that made me in the womb make him?
And did not One fashion us in the womb?

16If I have withheld aught that the poor desired,
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
17Or have eaten my morsel myself alone,
And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof—
18Nay, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
And I have been her guide from my mother's womb.
19If I have seen any wanderer in want of clothing,
Or that the needy had no covering;
20If his loins have not blessed me,
And if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless,
Because I saw my help in the gate;
22Then let my shoulder fall from the shoulder-blade,
And mine arm be broken from the bone.
23For calamity from God was a terror to me,
And by reason of His majesty I could do nothing.
24If I have made gold my hope,
And have said to the fine gold: 'Thou art my confidence';
25If I rejoiced because my wealth was great,
And because my hand had gotten much;
26If I beheld the sun when it shined,
Or the moon walking in brightness;
27And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
And my mouth hath kissed my hand;
28This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judges;
For I should have lied to God that is above.

29If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me,
Or exulted when evil found him—
30Yea, I suffered not my mouth to sin
By asking his life with a curse.
31If the men of my tent said not:
'Who can find one that hath not been satisfied with his meat?'

32 The stranger did not lodge in the street;
My doors I opened to the roadside.

33 If after the manner of men I covered my transgressions,
By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom—
34 Because I feared the great multitude,
And the most contemptible among families terrified me,
So that I kept silence, and went not out of the door.

35 Oh that I had one to hear me!—
Lo, here is my signature, let the Almighty answer me—
And that I had the indictment which mine adversary hath written!
36 Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder;
I would bind it unto me as a crown.
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps;
As a prince would I go near unto him.

38 If my land cry out against me,
And the furrows thereof weep together;
39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money,
Or have caused the tillers thereof to be disappointed—
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat,
And noisome weeds instead of barley.

The words of Job are ended.

# 32

So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was
righteous in his own eyes.
2 Then was
kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of
Barachel the Buzite, of the family of
Ram; against Job was his wrath
kindled, because he justified himself
rather than God.
3 Also against his
three friends was his wrath kindled,
because they had found no answer, and
yet had condemned Job.
4 Now Elihu
had waited to speak unto Job, because
they were older than he.
5 And when
Elihu saw that there was no answer in
the mouth of these three men, his
wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite answered and said:

I am young, and ye are very old;
Wherefore I held back, and durst not declare you mine opinion.
7 I said: ‘Days should speak,
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.’
8 But it is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty, that giveth them understanding.
9 It is not the great that are wise,
Nor the aged that discern judgment.
10 Therefore I say: ‘Hearken to me;
I also will declare mine opinion.’

11 Behold, I waited for your words,
I listened for your reasons,
Whilst ye searched out what to say.
12 Yea, I attended unto you,

And, behold, there was none that convinced Job,
Or that answered his words, among you.
13 Beware lest ye say: ‘We have found wisdom;
God may vanquish him, not man! ’
14 For he hath not directed his words against me;
Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They are amazed, they answer no more;
Words are departed from them.
16 And shall I wait, because they speak not,
Because they stand still, and answer no more?
17 I also will answer my part,
I also will declare mine opinion.
18 For I am full of words;
The spirit within me constraineth me.
19 Behold, mine inwards are as wine which hath no vent;
Like new wine-skins which are ready to burst.
20 I will speak, that I may find relief;
I will open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray you, respect any man’s person;
Neither will I give flattering titles unto any man.
22 For I know not to give flattering titles;
Else would my Maker soon take me away

33 Howbeit, Job, I pray thee, hear my speech,
And hearken to all my words.
2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth,
My tongue hath spoken in my mouth.
3 My words shall utter the uprightness of my heart;
And that which my lips know they shall speak sincerely.
4 The spirit of God hath made me,
And the breath of the Almighty given me life.
5 If thou canst, answer thou me,
Set thy words in order before me, stand forth.
6 Behold, I am toward God even as thou art;
I also am formed out of the clay.
7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid,
Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing,
And I have heard the voice of thy words;
9 ’I am clean, without transgression,
I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me;
10 Behold, He findeth occasions against me,
He counteth me for His enemy;
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
He marketh all my paths.’

12Behold, I answer thee: In this thou art not right,
That God is too great for man;
13Why hast thou striven against Him?
Seeing that He will not answer any of his words.
14For God speaketh in one way,
Yea in two, though man perceiveth it not.
15In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falleth upon men,
In slumberings upon the bed;
16Then He openeth the ears of men,
And by their chastisement sealeth the decree,
17That men may put away their purpose,
And that He may hide pride from man;
18That He may keep back his soul from the pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.
19He is chastened also with pain upon his bed,
And all his bones grow stiff;
20So that his life maketh him to abhor bread,
And his soul dainty food.
21His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen;
And his bones corrode to unsightliness.
22Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit,
And his life to the destroyers.
23If there be for him an angel,
An intercessor, one among a thousand,
To vouch for a man's uprightness;
24Then He is gracious unto him, and saith:
'Deliver him from going down to the pit,
I have found a ransom.'
25His flesh is tenderer than a child's;
He returneth to the days of his youth;
26He prayeth unto God, and He is favourable unto him;
So that he seeth His face with joy;
And He restoreth unto man his righteousness.
27He cometh before men, and saith:
'I have sinned, and perverted that which was right,
And it profited me not.'
28So He redeemeth his soul from going into the pit,
And his life beholdeth the light.

29Lo, all these things doth God work,
Twice, yea thrice, with a man,
30To bring back his soul from the pit,
That he may be enlightened with the light of the living.

31Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me;
Hold thy peace, and I will speak.
32If thou hast any thing to say, answer me;
Speak, for I desire to justify thee.
33If not, hearken thou unto me;

Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.

34 Moreover Elihu answered and said:
2 Hear my words, ye wise men;
And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.
3 For the ear trieth words,
As the palate tasteth food.
4 Let us choose for us that which is right;
Let us know among ourselves what is good.
5 For Job hath said: ‘I am righteous,
And God hath taken away my right;
6 Notwithstanding my right I am accounted a liar;
My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.’
7 What man is like Job,
Who drinketh up scorning like water?
8 Who goeth in company with the workers of iniquity,
And walketh with wicked men.
9 For he hath said: ‘It profiteth a man nothing
That he should be in accord with God.’

10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding:
Far be it from God, that He should do wickedness;
And from the Almighty, that He should commit iniquity.
11 For the work of a man will He requite unto him,
And cause every man to find according to his ways.
12 Yea, of a surety, God will not do wickedly,
Neither will the Almighty pervert justice.
13 Who gave Him a charge over the earth?
Or who hath disposed the whole world?
14 If He set His heart upon man,
If He gather unto Himself his spirit and his breath;
15 All flesh shall perish together,
And man shall return unto dust.

16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this;
Hearken to the voice of my words.
17 Shall even one that hateth right govern?
And wilt thou condemn Him that is just and mighty—
18 Is it fit to say to a king: ‘Thou art base’?
Or to nobles: ‘Ye are wicked’?—
19 That respecteth not the persons of princes,
Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor?
For they all are the work of His hands.
20 In a moment they die, even at midnight;
The people are shaken and pass away,
And the mighty are taken away without hand.

21For His eyes are upon the ways of a man,
And He seeth all his goings.
22There is no darkness, nor shadow of death,
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
23For He doth not appoint a time unto any man,
When he should go before God in judgment.
24He breaketh in pieces mighty men without inquisition,
And setteth others in their stead.
25Therefore He taketh knowledge of their works;
And He overturneth them in the night, so that they are crushed.
26He striketh them as wicked men
In the open sight of others;
27Because they turned aside from following Him,
And would not have regard to any of His ways;
28So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto Him,
And He heareth the cry of the afflicted.
29When He giveth quietness, who then can condemn?
And when He hideth His face, who then can behold Him?
Whether it be done unto a nation, or unto a man, alike;
30That the godless man reign not,
That there be none to ensnare the people.

31For hath any said unto God:
'I have borne chastisement, though I offend not;
32That which I see not teach Thou me;
If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more'?
33Shall His recompense be as thou wilt? For thou loathest it,
So that thou must choose, and not I;
Therefore speak what thou knowest.
34Men of understanding will say unto me,
Yea, every wise man that heareth me:
35'Job speaketh without knowledge,
And his words are without discernment.'
36Would that Job were tried unto the end,
Because of his answering like wicked men.
37For he addeth rebellion unto his sin,
He clappeth his hands among us,
And multiplieth his words against God.

35 Moreover Elihu answered and said:
2Thinkest thou this to be thy right,
Or sayest thou: 'I am righteousness before God',
3That thou inquirest: 'What advantage will it be unto Thee?'
And: 'What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?'
4I will give thee answer,
And thy companions with thee.
5Look unto the heavens, and see;

And behold the skies, which are higher than thou.
6 If thou hast sinned, what doest thou against Him?
And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto Him?
7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou Him?
Or what receiveth He of thy hand?
8 Thy wickedness concerneth a man as thou art;
And thy righteousness a son of man.

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty.
10 But none saith: 'Where is God my Maker,
Who giveth songs in the night;
11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?'
12 There they cry, but none giveth answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
13 Surely God will not hear vanity,
Neither will the Almighty regard it.
14 Yea, when thou sayest thou canst not see Him—
The cause is before Him; therefore wait thou for Him.
15 And now, is it for nought that He punished in His anger?
And hath He not full knowledge of arrogance?
16 But Job doth open his mouth in vanity;
He multiplieth words without knowledge.

36 Elihu also proceeded, and said:
2 Suffer me a little, and I will tell thee;
For there are yet words on God's behalf.
3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
4 For truly my words are not false;
One that is upright in mind is with thee.
5 Behold, God is mighty, yet He despiseth not any;
He is mighty in strength of understanding.
6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked;
But giveth to the poor their right.
7 He withdraweth not His eyes from the righteous;
But with kings upon the throne
He setteth them for ever, and they are exalted.
8 And if they be bound in fetters,
And be holden in cords of affliction;
9 Then He declareth unto them their work,
And their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly.
10 He openeth also their ear to discipline,

And commandeth that they return
from iniquity.
11If they hearken and serve Him,
They shall spend their days in
prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.
12But if they hearken not, they shall
perish by the sword,
And they shall die without
knowledge.
13But they that are godless in heart
lay up anger;
They cry not for help when He
bindeth them.
14Their soul perisheth in youth,
And their life as that of the
depraved.
15He delivereth the afflicted by His
affliction,
And openeth their ear by tribulation.
16Yea, He hath allured thee out of
distress
Into a broad place, where there is no
straitness;
And that which is set on thy table is
full of fatness;
17And thou art full of the judgment
of the wicked;
Judgment and justice take hold on
them.
18For beware of wrath, lest thou be
led away by thy sufficiency;
Neither let the greatness of the
ransom turn thee aside.
19Will thy riches avail, that are
without stint,
Or all the forces of thy strength?
20Desire not the night,
When peoples are cut off in their
place.
21Take heed, regard not iniquity;
For this hast thou chosen rather than
affliction.

22Behold, God doeth loftily in His
power;
Who is a teacher like Him?
23Who hath enjoined Him His way?
Or who hath said: ‘Thou hast
wrought unrighteousness’?
24Remember that thou magnify His
work,
Whereof men have sung.
25All men have looked thereon;
Man beholdeth it afar off.
26Behold, God is great, beyond our
knowledge;
The number of His years is
unsearchable.
27For He draweth away the drops of
water,
Which distil rain from His vapour;
28Which the skies pour down
And drop upon the multitudes of
men.
29Yea, can any understand the
spreadings of the clouds,
The crashings of His pavilion?
30Behold, He spreadeth His light
upon it;
And He covereth the depths of the
sea.
31For by these He judgeth the
peoples;
He giveth food in abundance.
32He covereth His hands with the
lightning,

And giveth it a charge that it strike
the mark.
33 The noise thereof telleth
concerning it,
The cattle also concerning the storm
that cometh up.

37 At this also my heart
trembleth,
And is moved out of its place.
2 Hear attentively the noise of His
voice,
And the sound that goeth out of His
mouth.
3 He sendeth it forth under the whole
heaven,
And His lightning unto the ends of
the earth.
4 After it a voice roareth;
He thundereth with the voice of His
majesty;
And He stayeth them not when His
voice is heard.
5 God thundereth marvellously with
His voice;
Great things doeth He, which we
cannot comprehend.
6 For He saith to the snow: 'Fall thou
on the earth';
Likewise to the shower of rain, and
to the showers of His mighty rain.
7 He sealeth up the hand of every
man,
That all men whom He hath made
may know it.
8 Then the beasts go into coverts,
And remain in their dens.
9 Out of the Chamber cometh the
storm;
And cold out of the north.
10 By the breath of God ice is given,
And the breadth of the waters is
straitened.
11 Yea, He ladeth the thick cloud
with moister,
He spreadeth abroad the cloud of
His lightning;
12 And they are turned round about
by His guidance,
That they may do whatsoever He
commandeth them
Upon the face of the habitable
world:
13 Whether it be for correction, or for
His earth,
Or for mercy, that He cause it to
come.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job;
Stand still, and consider the
wondrous works of God.
15 Dost thou know how God
enjoineth them,
And causeth the lightning of His
cloud to shine?
16 Dost thou know the balancings of
the clouds,
The wondrous works of Him who is
perfect in knowledge?
17 Thou whose garments are warm,
When the earth is still by reason of
the south wind;
18 Canst thou with Him spread out
the sky,
Which is strong as a molten mirror?
19 Teach us what we shall say unto
Him;

For we cannot order our speech by
reason of darkness.
20 Shall it be told Him that I would
speak?
Or should a man wish that he were
swallowed up?

21 And now men see not the light
which is bright in the skies;
But the wind passeth, and cleanseth
them.
22 Out of the north cometh golden
splendour,
About God is terrible majesty.
23 The Almighty, whom we cannot
find out, is excellent in power,
Yet to judgment and plenteous
justice He doeth no violence.
24 Men do therefore fear Him;
He regardeth not any that are wise
of heart.

38 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:
2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel
By words without knowledge?
3 Gird up now thy loins like a man;
For I will demand of thee, and
declare thou unto Me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the
foundations of the earth?
Declare, if thou hast the
understanding.
5 Who determined the measures
thereof, if thou knowest?
Or who stretched the line upon it?
6 Whereupon were the foundations
thereof fastened?
Or who laid the corner-stone
thereof,
7 When the morning stars sang
together,
And all the sons of God shouted for
joy?

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors,
When it broke forth, and issued out
of the womb;
9 When I made the cloud the garment
thereof,
And thick darkness a swaddlingband
for it,
10 And prescribed for it My decree,
And set bars and doors,
11 And said: ‘Thus far shalt thou
come, but no further;
And here shall thy proud waves be
stayed’?

12 Hast thou commanded the
morning since thy days began,
And caused the dayspring to know
its place;
13 That it might take hold of the ends
of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?
14 It is changed as clay under the
seal;
And they stand as a garment.
15 But from the wicked their light is
withholden,
And the high arm is broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs
of the sea?
Or hast thou walked in the recesses
of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee?
Or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?
18 Hast thou surveyed unto the breadths of the earth?
Declare, if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
And as for darkness, where is the place thereof;
20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,
And that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
21 Thou knowest it, for thou wast then born,
And the number of thy days is great!
22 Hast thou entered the treasuries of the snow,
Or hast thou seen the treasuries of the hail,
23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?

24 By what way is the light parted,
Or the east wind scattered upon the earth?
25 Who hath cleft a channel for the waterflood,
Or a way for the lightning of the thunder;
26 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is,
On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground,
And to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
28 Hath the rain a father?
Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the ice?
And the hoar-frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
30 The waters are congealed like stone,
And the face of the deep is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the chains of the Pleiades,
Or loose the bands of Orion?
32 Canst thou lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season?
Or canst thou guide the Bear with her sons?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens?
Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the earth?
34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That abundance of waters may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee: ‘Here we are’?

36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts?
Or who hath given understanding to the mind?
37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?

Or who can pour out the bottles of heaven,
38When the dust runneth into a mass,
And the clods cleave fast together?

39Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness?
Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
40When they couch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait?
41Who provideth for the raven his prey,
When his young ones cry unto God, and wander for lack of food?

39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?
Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?
2Canst thou number the months that they fulfil?
Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
3They bow themselves, they bring forth their young,
They cast out their fruit.
4Their young ones wax strong, they grow up in the open field;
They go forth, and return not again.

5Who hath sent out the wild ass free?
Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?
6Whose house I have made the wilderness,
And the salt land his dwelling-place.
7He scorneth the tumult of the city,
Neither heareth he the shoutings of the driver.
8The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searcheth after every green thing.

9Will the wild-ox be willing to serve thee?
Or will he abide by thy crib?
10Canst thou bind the wild-ox with his band in the furrow?
Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
11Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great?
Or wilt thou leave thy labour to him?
12Wilt thou rely on him, that he will bring home thy seed,
And gather the corn of thy threshing-floor?

13The wing of the ostrich beateth joyously;
But are her pinions and feathers the kindly stork's?
14For she leaveth her eggs on the earth,
And warmeth them in dust,
15And forgetteth that the foot may crush them,
Or that the wild beast may trample them.
16She is hardened against her young ones, as if they were not hers;
Though her labour be in vain, she is without fear;

17Because God hath deprived her of wisdom,
Neither hath He imparted to her understanding.
18When the time cometh, she raiseth her wings on high,
And scorneth the horse and his rider.

19Hast thou given the horse his strength?
Hast thou clothed his neck with fierceness?
20Hast thou made him to leap as a locust?
The glory of his snorting is terrible.
21He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength;
He goeth out to meet the clash of arms.
22He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted;
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
23The quiver rattleth upon him,
The glittering spear and the javelin.
24He swalloweth the ground with storm and rage;
Neither believeth he that it is the voice of the horn.
25As oft as he heareth the horn he saith: 'Ha, ha! '
And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26Doth the hawk soar by thy wisdom,
And stretch her wings toward the south?
27Doth the vulture mount up at thy command,
And make her nest on high?
28She dwelleth and abideth on the rock,
Upon the crag of the rock, and the stronghold.
29From thence she spieth out the prey;
Her eyes behold it afar off.
30Her young ones also suck up blood;
And where the slain are, there is she.

40 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said:
2Shall he that reproveth contend with the Almighty?
He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

3Then Job answered the LORD, and said:
4Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer Thee?
I lay my hand upon my mouth.
5Once have I spoken, but I will not answer again;
Yea, twice, but I will proceed no further.

6Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said:
7Gird up thy loins now like a man;
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto Me.

8 Wilt thou even make void My judgment?
Wilt thou condemn Me, that thou mayest be justified?
9 Or hast thou an arm like God?
And canst thou thunder with a voice like Him?
10 Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency,
And array thyself with glory and beauty.
11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath;
And look upon every one that is proud, and abase him.
12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low;
And tread down the wicked in their place.
13 Hide them in the dust together;
Bind their faces in the hidden place.
14 Then will I also confess unto thee
That thine own right hand can save thee.

15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee;
He eateth grass as an ox.
16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins,
And his force is in the stays of his body.
17 He straineth his tail like a cedar;
The sinews of his thighs are knit together.
18 His bones are as pipes of brass;
His gristles are like bars of iron.
19 He is the beginning of the ways of God;
He only that made him can make His sword to approach unto him.
20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food,
And all the beasts of the field play there.
21 He lieth under the lotus-trees,
In the covert of the reed, and fens.
22 The lotus-trees cover him with their shadow;
The willows of the brook compass him about.
23 Behold, if a river overflow, he trembleth not;
He is confident, though the Jordan rush forth to his mouth.
24 Shall any take him by his eyes,
Or pierce through his nose with a snare?

25 Canst thou draw out leviathan with a fish-hook?
Or press down his tongue with a cord?
26 Canst thou put a ring into his nose?
Or bore his jaw through with a hook?
27 Will he make many supplications unto thee?
Or will he speak soft words unto thee?
28 Will he make a covenant with thee,
That thou shouldest take him for a servant for ever?
29 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

30 Will the bands of fishermen make a banquet of him?
Will they part him among the merchants?
31 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons?
Or his head with fish-spears?
32 Lay thy hand upon him;
Think upon the battle, thou wilt do so no more.

41 Behold, the hope of him is in vain;
Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?
2 None is so fierce that dare stir him up;
Who then is able to stand before Me?
3 Who hath given Me anything beforehand, that I should repay him?
Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is Mine.
4 Would I keep silence concerning his boastings,
Or his proud talk, or his fair array of words?

5 Who can uncover the face of his garment?
Who shall come within his double bridle?
6 Who can open the doors of his face?
Round about his teeth is terror.
7 His scales are his pride,
Shut up together as with a close seal.
8 One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.
9 They are joined one to another;
They stick together, that they cannot be sundered.
10 His sneezings flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.
11 Out of his mouth go burning torches,
And sparks of fire leap forth.
12 Out of his nostrils goeth smoke,
As out of a seething pot and burning rushes.
13 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth out of his mouth.
14 In his neck abideth strength,
And dismay danceth before him.
15 The flakes of his flesh are joined together;
They are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.
16 His heart is as firm as a stone;
Yea, firm as the nether millstone.
17 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid;
By reason of despair they are beside themselves.
18 If one lay at him with the sword, it will not hold;
Nor the spear, the dart, nor the pointed shaft.
19 He esteemeth iron as straw,
And brass as rotten wood.
20 The arrow cannot make him flee;
Slingstones are turned with him into stubble.
21 Clubs are accounted as stubble;

He laugheth at the rattling of the
javelin.
22 Sharpest potsherds are under him;
He spreadeth a threshing-sledge
upon the mire.
23 He maketh the deep to boil like a
pot;
He maketh the sea like a seething
mixture.
24 He maketh a path to shine after
him;
One would think the deep to be
hoary.
25 Upon earth there is not his like
Who is made to be fearless.
26 He looketh at all high things;
He is king over all the proud beasts.

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Then Job answered the LORD,
and said:
2 I know that Thou canst do every
thing,
And that no purpose can be
withholden from Thee.
3 Who is this that hideth counsel
without knowledge?
Therefore have I uttered that which I
understood not,
Things too wonderful for me, which
I knew not.
4 Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will
speak;
I will demand of Thee, and declare
Thou unto me.
5 I had heard of Thee by the hearing
of the ear;
But now mine eye seeth Thee;
6 Wherefore I abhor my words, and
repent,
Seeing I am dust and ashes.

7 And it was so, that after the LORD
had spoken these words unto Job, the
LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite:
'My wrath is kindled against thee, and
against thy two friends; for ye have not
spoken of Me the thing that is right, as
My servant Job hath. 8 Now therefore,
take unto you seven bullocks and
seven rams, and go to My servant Job,
and offer up for yourselves a burnt-
offering; and My servant Job shall
pray for you; for him will I accept, that
I do not unto you aught unseemly; for
ye have not spoken of Me the thing
that is right, as my servant Job hath.'
9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad
the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite
went, and did according as the LORD
commanded them; and the LORD
accepted Job. 10 And the LORD changed
the fortune of Job, when he prayed for
his friends; and the LORD gave Job
twice as much as he had before. 11 Then
came there unto him all his brethren,
and all his sisters, and all they that had
been of his acquaintance before, and
did eat bread with him in his house;
and they bemoaned him, and
comforted him concerning all the evil
that the LORD had brought upon him;
every man also gave him a piece of
money, and every one a ring of gold.
12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of
Job more than his beginning; and he
had fourteen thousand sheep, and six
thousand camels, and a thousand yoke
of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three
daughters. 14 And he called the name of
the first, [a]Jemimah; and the name of
the second, [b]Keziah; and the name of
the third, [c]Keren-happuch. 15 And in all
the land were no women found so fair
as the daughters of Job; and their
father gave them inheritance among
their brethren. 16 And after this Job
lived a hundred and forty years, and
saw his sons, and his sons'sons, even
four generations. 17 So Job died, being
old and full of days.

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[a] That is, *Dove*.
[b] That is, *Cassia*.
[c] That is, *Horn of eye-paint.*

# שיר השירים
# SONG OF SONGS

1 THE song of songs, which is Solomon's.

[2]Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—
For thy love is better than wine.
[3]Thine ointments have a goodly fragrance;
Thy name is as ointment poured forth;
Therefore do the maidens love thee.
[4]Draw me, we will run after thee;
The king hath brought me into his chambers;
We will be glad and rejoice in thee,
We will find thy love more fragrant than wine!
Sincerely do they love thee.
[5]'I am black, but comely,
O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar,
As the curtains of Solomon.
[6]Look not upon me, that I am swarthy,
That the sun hath tanned me;
My mother's sons were incensed against me,
They made me keeper of the vineyards;
But mine own vineyard have I not kept.'
[7]Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
Where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon;
For why should I be as one that veileth herself
Beside the flocks of thy companions?
[8]If thou know not, O thou fairest among women,
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock
And feed thy kids, beside the shepherds'tents.
[9]I have compared thee, O my love,
To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.
[10]Thy cheeks are comely with circlets,
Thy neck with beads.
[11]We will make thee circlets of gold
With studs of silver.

[12]While the king sat at his table,
My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
[13]My beloved is unto me as a bag of myrrh,
That lieth betwixt my breasts.
[14]My beloved is unto me as a cluster of henna
In the vineyards of En-gedi.

[15]Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;
Thine eyes are as doves.

16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant;
Also our couch is leafy.
17 The beams of our houses are cedars,
And our panels are cypresses.

## 2

I am a rose of Sharon,
A lily of the valleys.

2 As a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.
3 As an apple-tree among the trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.
Under its shadow I delighted to sit,
And its fruit was sweet to my taste.
4 He hath brought me to the banqueting-house,
And his banner over me is love.
5 'Stay ye me with dainties, refresh me with apples;
For I am love-sick.'
6 Let his left hand be under my head,
And his right hand embrace me.
7 'I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the gazelles, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye awaken not, nor stir up love, until it please.'
8 Hark! my beloved! behold, he cometh,
Leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
9 My beloved is like a gazelle or a young hart;
Behold, he standeth behind our wall,
He looketh in through the windows,
He peereth through the lattice.
10 My beloved spoke, and said unto me:
'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
11 For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone;
12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of singing is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
13 The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs,
And the vines in blossom give forth their fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff,
Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;
For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.'
15 'Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vineyards;
For our vineyards are in blossom.'
16 My beloved is mine, and I am his,
That feedeth among the lilies.
17 Until the day breathe, and the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved, and be thou like a gazelle or a young hart
Upon the mountains of spices.

## 3

By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth;
I sought him, but I found him not.
2 'I will rise now, and go about the city,

In the streets and in the broad ways,
I will seek him whom my soul loveth.'
I sought him, but I found him not.
3The watchmen that go about the city found me:
'Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?'
4Scarce had I passed from them,
When I found him whom my soul loveth:
I held him, and would not let him go,
Until I had brought him into my mother's house,
And into the chamber of her that conceived me.
5'I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
By the gazelles, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye awaken not, nor stir up love,
Until it please.'

6Who is this that cometh up out of the wilderness
Like pillars of smoke,
Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
With all powders of the merchant?
7Behold, it is the litter of Solomon;
Threescore mighty men are about it,
Of the mighty men of Israel.
8They all handle the sword,
And are expert in war;
Every man hath his sword upon his thigh,
Because of dread in the night.
9King Solomon made himself a palanquin
Of the wood of Lebanon.
10He made the pillars thereof of silver,
The top thereof of gold,
The seat of it of purple,
The inside thereof being inlaid with love,
From the daughters of Jerusalem.
11Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion,
And gaze upon king Solomon,
Even upon the crown wherewith his mother hath crowned him in the day of his espousals,
And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

4 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;
Thine eyes are as doves behind thy veil;
Thy hair is as a flock of goats, that trail down from mount Gilead.
2Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes all shaped alike,
Which are come up from the washing;
Whereof all are paired, and none faileth among them.
3Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,
And thy mouth is comely;
Thy temples are like a pomegranate split open
Behind thy veil.
4Thy neck is like the tower of David
Builded with turrets,
Whereon there hang a thousand shields,

All the armour of the mighty men.
5 Thy two breasts are like two fawns
That are twins of a gazelle,
Which feed among the lilies.
6 Until the day breathe,
And the shadows flee away,
I will get me to the mountain of myrrh,
And to the hill of frankincense.
7 Thou art all fair, my love;
And there is no spot in thee.
8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride,
With me from Lebanon;
Look from the top of Amana,
From the top of Senir and Hermon,
From the lions'dens,
From the mountains of the leopards.
9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my bride;
Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes,
With one bead of thy necklace.
10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my bride!
How much better is thy love than wine!
And the smell of thine ointments than all manner of spices!
11 Thy lips, O my bride, drop honey—
Honey and milk are under thy tongue;
And the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.
12 A garden shut up is my sister, my bride;
A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
13 Thy shoots are a park of pomegranates,
With precious fruits;
Henna with spikenard plants,
14 Spikenard and saffron, calamus and cinnamon,
With all trees of frankincense;
Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices.
15 Thou art a fountain of gardens,
A well of living waters,
And flowing streams from Lebanon.

16 Awake, O north wind;
And come, thou south;
Blow upon my garden,
That the spices thereof may flow out.
Let my beloved come into his garden,
And eat his precious fruits.

5 I am come into my garden, my sister, my bride;
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my milk.
Eat, O friends;
Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 I sleep, but my heart waketh;
Hark! my beloved knocketh:
'Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled;
For my head is filled with dew,

My locks with the drops of the night.'
3 I have put off my coat;
How shall I put it on?
I have washed my feet;
How shall I defile them?
4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door,
And my heart was moved for him.
5 I rose up to open to my beloved;
And my hands dropped with myrrh,
And my fingers with flowing myrrh,
Upon the handles of the bar.
6 I opened to my beloved;
But my beloved had turned away, and was gone.
My soul failed me when he spoke.
I sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.
7 The watchmen that go about the city found me,
They smote me, they wounded me;
The keepers of the walls took away my mantle from me.
8 'I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
If ye find my beloved, what will ye tell him?
That I am love-sick.'
9 'What is thy beloved more than another beloved,
O thou fairest among women?
What is thy beloved more than another beloved,
That thou dost so adjure us?'
10 'My beloved is white and ruddy,
Pre-eminent above ten thousand.
11 His head is as the most fine gold,
His locks are curled,
And black as a raven.
12 His eyes are like doves
Beside the water-brooks;
Washed with milk,
And fitly set.
13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices,
As banks of sweet herbs;
His lips are as lilies,
Dropping with flowing myrrh.
14 His hands are as rods of gold
Set with beryl;
His body is as polished ivory
Overlaid with sapphires.
15 His legs are as pillars of marble,
Set upon sockets of fine gold;
His aspect is like Lebanon,
Excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth is most sweet;
Yea, he is altogether lovely.
This is my beloved, and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.'

## 6

'Whither is thy beloved gone,
O thou fairest among women?
Whither hath thy beloved turned him,
That we may seek him with thee?'
2 'My beloved is gone down into his garden,
To the beds of spices,
To feed in the gardens,
And to gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine,
That feedeth among the lilies.'

4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah,
Comely as Jerusalem,
Terrible as an army with banners.
5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
For they have overcome me.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats,
That trail down from Gilead.
6 Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes,
Which are come up from the washing;
Whereof all are paired,
And none faileth among them.
7 Thy temples are like a pomegranate split open
Behind thy veil.
8 There are threescore queens,
And fourscore concubines,
And maidens without number.
9 My dove, my undefiled, is but one;
She is the only one of her mother;
She is the choice one of her that bore her.
The daughters saw her, and called her happy;
Yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.
10 Who is she that looketh forth as the dawn,
Fair as the moon,
Clear as the sun,
Terrible as an army with banners?
11 I went down into the garden of nuts,
To look at the green plants of the valley,
To see whether the vine budded,
And the pomegranates were in flower.
12 Before I was aware, my soul set me
Upon the chariots of my princely people.

7 Return, return, O Shulammite;
Return, return, that we may look upon thee.

What will ye see in the Shulammite?
As it were a dance of two companies.

2 How beautiful are thy steps in sandals,
O prince's daughter!
The roundings of thy thighs are like the links of a chain,
The work of the hands of a skilled workman.
3 Thy navel is like a round goblet,
Wherein no mingled wine is wanting;
Thy belly is like a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.
4 Thy two breasts are like two fawns
That are twins of a gazelle.
5 Thy neck is as a tower of ivory;
Thine eyes as the pools in Heshbon,
By the gate of Bath-rabbim;
Thy nose is like the tower of Lebanon
Which looketh toward Damascus.
6 Thy head upon thee is like Carmel,
And the hair of thy head like purple;
The king is held captive in the tresses thereof.
7 How fair and how pleasant art thou,
O love, for delights!

8 This thy stature is like to a palm-tree,
And thy breasts to clusters of grapes.
9 I said: ‘I will climb up into the palm-tree,
I will take hold of the branches thereof;
And let thy breasts be as clusters of the vine,
And the smell of thy countenance like apples;
10 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine,
That glideth down smoothly for my beloved,
Moving gently the lips of those that are asleep.’

11 I am my beloved’s,
And his desire is toward me.
12 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
13 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see whether the vine hath budded,
Whether the vine-blossom be opened,
And the pomegranates be in flower;
There will I give thee my love.
14 The mandrakes give forth fragrance,
And at our doors are all manner of precious fruits,
New and old,
Which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

## 8

Oh that thou wert as my brother,
That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without, I would kiss thee;
Yea, and none would despise me.
2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother’s house,
That thou mightest instruct me;
I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine,
Of the juice of my pomegranate.
3 His left hand should be under my head,
And his right hand should embrace me.
4 ‘I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem:
Why should ye awaken, or stir up love,
Until it please?’

5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?
Under the apple-tree I awakened thee;
There thy mother was in travail with thee;
There was she in travail and brought thee forth.

6 Set me as a seal upon thy heart,
As a seal upon thine arm;
For love is strong as death,
Jealousy is cruel as the grave;
The flashes thereof are flashes of fire,

A very flame of the Lord.
7Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it;
If a man would give all the substance of his house for love,
He would utterly be contemned.
8We have a little sister,
And she hath no breasts;
What shall we do for our sister
In the day when she shall be spoken for?
9If she be a wall,
We will build upon her a turret of silver;
And if she be a door,
We will enclose her with boards of cedar.

10I am a wall,
And my breasts like the towers thereof;
Then was I in his eyes
As one that found peace.
11Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon;
He gave over the vineyard unto keepers;
Every one for the fruit thereof
Brought in a thousand pieces of silver.
12My vineyard, which is mine, is before me;
Thou, O Solomon, shalt have the thousand,
And those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

13Thou that dwellest in the gardens,
The companions hearken for thy voice:
'Cause me to hear it.'

14Make haste, my beloved,
And be thou like to a gazelle or to a young hart
Upon the mountains of spices.

# רות
# RUTH

1 And it came to pass in the days
when the judges judged, that there
was a famine in the land. And a certain
man of Beth-lehem in Judah went to
sojourn in the field of Moab, he, and
his wife, and his two sons. 2 And the
name of the man was Elimelech, and
the name of his wife Naomi, and the
name of his two sons Mahlon and
Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem in
Judah. And they came into the field of
Moab, and continued there. 3 And
Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and
she was left, and her two sons. 4 And
they took them wives of the women of
Moab: the name of the one was Orpah,
and the name of the other Ruth; and
they dwelt there about ten years. 5 And
Mahlon and Chilion died both of them;
and the woman was left of her two
children and of her husband. 6 Then she
arose with her daughters-in-law, that
she might return from the field of
Moab; for she had heard in the field of
Moab how that the Lord had
remembered His people in giving them
bread. 7 And she went forth out of the
place where she was, and her two
daughters-in-law with her; and they
went on the way to return unto the
land of Judah. 8 And Naomi said unto
her two daughters-in-law: 'Go, return
each of you to her mother's house; the
Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have
dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 The
Lord grant you that ye may find rest,
each of you in the house of her
husband.' Then she kissed them; and
they lifted up their voice, and wept.
10 And they said unto her: 'Nay, but we
will return with thee unto thy people.'
11 And Naomi said: 'Turn back, my
daughters; why will ye go with me?
have I yet sons in my womb, that they
may be your husbands? 12 Turn back,
my daughters, go your way; for I am
too old to have a husband. If I should
say: I have hope, should I even have
an husband to-night, and also bear
sons; 13 would ye tarry for them till
they were grown? would ye shut
yourselves off for them and have no
husbands? nay, my daughters; for it
grieveth me much for your sakes, for
the hand of the Lord is gone forth
against me.' 14 And they lifted up their
voice, and wept again; and Orpah
kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth
cleaved unto her. 15 And she said:
'Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back
unto her people, and unto her god;
return thou after thy sister-in-law.'
16 And Ruth said: 'Entreat me not to
leave thee, and to return from
following after thee; for whither thou
goest, I will go; and where thou
lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall
be my people, and thy God my God;
17 where thou diest, will I die, and there
will I be buried; the Lord do so to me,

and more also, if aught but death part
thee and me.’ [18]And when she saw that
she was stedfastly minded to go with
her, she left off speaking unto her. [19]So
they two went until they came to Beth-
lehem. And it came to pass, when they
were come to Beth-lehem, that all the
city was astir concerning them, and the
women said: ‘Is this Naomi?’ [20]And
she said unto them: ‘Call me not
[a]Naomi, call me [b]Marah; for the
Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with
me. [21]I went out full, and the LORD
hath brought me back home empty;
why call ye me Naomi, seeing the
LORD hath testified against me, and the
Almighty hath afflicted me?’ [22]So
Naomi returned, and Ruth the
Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with
her, who returned out of the field of
Moab—and they came to Beth-lehem
in the beginning of barley harvest.

2 And Naomi had a kinsman of her
husband’s, a mighty man of
valour, of the family of Elimelech, and
his name was Boaz. [2]And Ruth the
Moabitess said unto Naomi: ‘Let me
now go to the field, and glean among
the ears of corn after him in whose
sight I shall find favour.’ And she said
unto her: ‘Go, my daughter.’ [3]And she
went, and came and gleaned in the
field after the reapers; and her hap was
to light on the portion of the field
belonging unto Boaz, who was of the
family of Elimelech. [4]And, behold,
Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said
unto the reapers: ‘The LORD be with
you.’ And they answered him: ‘The
LORD bless thee.’ [5]Then said Boaz unto
his servant that was set over the
reapers: ‘Whose damsel is this?’ [6]And
the servant that was set over the
reapers answered and said: ‘It is a
Moabitish damsel that came back with
Naomi out of the field of Moab; [7]and
she said: Let me glean, I pray you, and
gather after the reapers among the
sheaves; so she came, and hath
continued even from the morning until
now, save that she tarried a little in the
house.’ [8]Then said Boaz unto Ruth:
‘Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go
not to glean in another field, neither
pass from hence, but abide here fast by
my maidens. [9]Let thine eyes be on the
field that they do reap, and go thou
after them; have I not charged the
young men that they shall not touch
thee? and when thou art athirst, go
unto the vessels, and drink of that
which the young men have drawn.’
[10]Then she fell on her face, and bowed
down to the ground, and said unto
him: ‘Why have I found favour in thy
sight, that thou shouldest take
cognizance of me, seeing I am a
foreigner?’ [11]And Boaz answered and
said unto her: ‘It hath fully been told
me, all that thou hast done unto thy
mother-in-law since the death of thy
husband; and how thou hast left thy
father and thy mother, and the land of
thy nativity, and art come unto a
people that thou knewest not

[a] That is, *Pleasant*.
[b] That is, *Bitter*.

heretofore. [12]The LORD recompense thy work, and be thy reward complete from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to take refuge.’ [13]Then she said: ‘Let me find favour in thy sight, my LORD; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken to the heart of thy handmaid, though I be not as one of thy handmaidens.’ [14]And Boaz said unto her at meal-time: ‘Come hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar.’ And she sat beside the reapers; and they reached her parched corn, and she did eat and was satisfied, and left thereof. [15]And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying: ‘Let her glean even among the sheaves, and put her not to shame. [16]And also pull out some for her of purpose from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and rebuke her not.’ [17]So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that which she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. [18]And she took it up, and went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned; and she brought forth and gave to her that which she had left after she was satisfied. [19]And her mother-in-law said unto her: ‘Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee.’ And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said: ‘The man’s name with whom I wrought to-day is Boaz.’ [20]And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law: ‘Blessed be he of the LORD, who hath not left off His kindness to the living and to the dead.’ And Naomi said unto her: ‘The man is nigh of kin unto us, one of our near kinsmen.’ [21]And Ruth the Moabitess said: ‘Yea, he said unto me: Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest.’ [22]And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law: ‘It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, and that thou be not met in any other field.’ [23]So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

3 And Naomi her mother-in-law said unto her: ‘My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? [2]And now is there not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threshing-floor. [3]Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing-floor; but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. [4]And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.’ [5]And she said unto her: ‘All that thou sayest unto me I will do.’ [6]And she went down unto the threshing-

floor, and did according to all that her
mother-in-law bade her. 7And when
Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his
heart was merry, he went to lie down
at the end of the heap of corn; and she
came softly, and uncovered his feet,
and laid her down. 8And it came to
pass at midnight, that the man was
startled, and turned himself; and,
behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9And
he said: ‘Who art thou?’ And she
answered: ‘I am Ruth thine handmaid;
spread therefore thy skirt over thy
handmaid; for thou art a near
kinsman.’ 10And he said: ‘Blessed be
thou of the Lord, my daughter; thou
hast shown more kindness in the end
than at the beginning, inasmuch as
thou didst not follow the young men,
whether poor or rich. 11And now, my
daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all
that thou sayest; for all the men in the
gate of my people do know that thou
art a virtuous woman. 12And now it is
true that I am a near kinsman; howbeit
there is a kinsman nearer than I.
13Tarry this night, and it shall be in the
morning, that if he will perform unto
thee the part of a kinsman, well; let
him do the kinsman’s part; but if he be
not willing to do the part of a kinsman
to thee, then will I do the part of a
kinsman to thee, as the Lord liveth; lie
down until the morning.’ 14And she lay
at his feet until the morning; and she
rose up before one could discern
another. For he said: ‘Let it not be
known that the woman came to the
threshing-floor.’ 15And he said: ‘Bring
the mantle that is upon thee, and hold
it’; and she held it; and he measured
six measures of barley, and laid it on
her; and he went into the city. 16And
when she came to her mother-in-law,
she said: ‘Who art thou, my daughter?’
And she told her all that the man had
done to her. 17And she said: ‘These six
measures of barley gave he me; for he
said to me: Go not empty unto thy
mother-in-law.’ 18Then said she: ‘Sit
still, my daughter, until thou know
how the matter will fall; for the man
will not rest, until he have finished the
thing this day.’

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate,
and sat him down there; and,
behold, the near kinsman of whom
Boaz spoke came by; unto whom he
said: ‘Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit
down here.’ And he turned aside, and
sat down. 2And he took ten men of the
elders of the city, and said: ‘Sit ye
down here.’ And they sat down. 3And
he said unto the near kinsman:
‘Naomi, that is come back out of the
field of Moab, selleth the parcel of
land, which was our brother
Elimelech’s; 4and I thought to disclose
it unto thee, saying: Buy it before them
that sit here, and before the elders of
my people. If thou wilt redeem it,
redeem it; but if it will not be
redeemed, then tell me, that I may
know; for there is none to redeem it
beside thee; and I am after thee.’ And
he said: ‘I will redeem it.’ 5Then said
Boaz: ‘What day thou buyest the field
of the hand of Naomi—hast thou also

bought of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife
of the dead, to raise up the name of the
dead upon his inheritance?’ [6]And the
near kinsman said: ‘I cannot redeem it
for myself, lest I mar mine own
inheritance; take thou my right of
redemption on thee; for I cannot
redeem it.’— [7]Now this was the
custom in former time in Israel
concerning redeeming and concerning
exchanging, to confirm all things: a
man drew off his shoe, and gave it to
his neighbour; and this was the
attestation in Israel.— [8]So the near
kinsman said unto Boaz: ‘Buy it for
thyself.’ And he drew off his shoe.
[9]And Boaz said unto the elders, and
unto all the people: ‘Ye are witnesses
this day, that I have bought all that was
Elimelech’s, and all that was Chilion’s
and Mahlon’s, of the hand of Naomi.
[10]Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the
wife of Mahlon, have I acquired to be
my wife, to raise up the name of the
dead upon his inheritance, that the
name of the dead be not cut off from
among his brethren, and from the gate
of his place; ye are witnesses this day.’
[11]And all the people that were in the
gate, and the elders, said: ‘We are
witnesses. The LORD make the woman
that is come into thy house like Rachel
and like Leah, which two did build the
house of Israel; and do thou worthily
in Ephrath, and be famous in Beth-
lehem; [12]and let thy house be like the
house of Perez, whom Tamar bore
unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD
shall give thee of this young woman.’
[13]So Boaz took Ruth, and she became
his wife; and he went in unto her, and
the LORD gave her conception, and she
bore a son. [14]And the women said unto
Naomi: ‘Blessed be the LORD, who
hath not left thee this day without a
near kinsman, and let his name be
famous in Israel. [15]And he shall be
unto thee a restorer of life, and a
nourisher of thine old age; for thy
daughter-in-law, who loveth thee, who
is better to thee than seven sons, hath
borne him.’ [16]And Naomi took the
child, and laid it in her bosom, and
became nurse unto it. [17]And the
women her neighbours gave it a name,
saying: ‘There is a son born to
Naomi’; and they called his name
Obed; he is the father of Jesse, the
father of David. [18]Now these are the
generations of Perez: Perez begot
Hezron; [19]and Hezron begot Ram, and
Ram begot Amminadab; [20]and
Amminadab begot Nahshon, and
Nahshon begot [a]Salmon; [21]and Salmon
begot Boaz, and Boaz begot Obed;
[22]and Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse
begot David.

[a] Heb. *Salmah.*

# איכה
# LAMENTATIONS

1 א How doth the city sit solitary,
That was full of people!
How is she become as a widow!
She that was great among the nations,
And princess among the provinces,
How is she become tributary!
ב 2 She weepeth sore in the night,
And her tears are on her cheeks;
She hath none to comfort her
Among all her lovers;
All her friends have dealt treacherously with her,
They are become her enemies.
ג 3 Judah is gone into exile because of affliction,
And because of great servitude;
She dwelleth among the nations,
She findeth no rest;
All her pursuers overtook her
Within the straits.
ד 4 The ways of Zion do mourn,
Because none come to the solemn assembly;
All her gates are desolate,
Her priests sigh;
Her virgins are afflicted,
And she herself is in bitterness.
ה 5 Her adversaries are become the head,
Her enemies are at ease;
For the LORD hath afflicted her
For the multitude of her transgressions;
Her young children are gone into captivity
Before the adversary.
ו 6 And gone is from the daughter of Zion
All her splendour;
Her princes are become like harts
That find no pasture,
And they are gone without strength
Before the pursuer.

ז 7 Jerusalem remembereth
In the days of her affliction and of her anguish
All her treasures that she had
From the days of old;
Now that her people fall by the hand of the adversary,
And none doth help her,
The adversaries have seen her,
They have mocked at her desolations.
ח 8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned,
Therefore she is become as one unclean;
All that honoured her despise her,
Because they have seen her nakedness;
She herself also sigheth,
And turneth backward.
ט 9 Her filthiness was in her skirts,
She was not mindful of her end;
Therefore is she come down wonderfully,
She hath no comforter.

'Behold, O Lord, my affliction,
For the enemy hath magnified himself.'
י 10The adversary hath spread out his hand
Upon all her treasures;
For she hath seen that the heathen
Are entered into her sanctuary,
Concerning whom Thou didst command
That they should not enter into Thy congregation.
כ 11All her people sigh,
They seek bread;
They have given their pleasant things for food
To refresh the soul.
'See, O Lord, and behold,
How abject I am become.'

ל 12'Let it not come unto you, all ye that pass by!
Behold, and see
If there be any pain like unto my pain,
Which is done unto me,
Wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me
In the day of His fierce anger.
מ 13From on high hath He sent fire
Into my bones, and it prevaileth against them;
He hath spread a net for my feet,
He hath turned me back;
He hath made me desolate
And faint all the day.
נ 14The yoke of my transgressions is impressed by His hand;
They are knit together,
They are come up upon my neck;
He hath made my strength to fail;
The Lord hath delivered me into their hands,
Against whom I am not able to stand.
ס 15The Lord hath set at nought
All my mighty men in the midst of me;
He hath called a solemn assembly against me
To crush my young men;
The Lord hath trodden as in a winepress
The virgin the daughter of Judah.'
ע 16'For these things I weep;
Mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water;
Because the comforter is far from me,
Even he that should refresh my soul;
My children are desolate,
Because the enemy hath prevailed.'
פ 17Zion spreadeth forth her hands;
There is none to comfort her;
The Lord hath commanded concerning Jacob,
That they that are round about him should be his adversaries;
Jerusalem is among them
As one unclean.

צ 18'The Lord is righteous;
For I have rebelled against His word;
Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples,
And behold my pain:
My virgins and my young men
Are gone into captivity.

ק 19I called for my lovers,
But they deceived me;
My priests and mine elders
Perished in the city,
While they sought them food
To refresh their souls.
ר 20Behold, O Lord, for I am in distress,
Mine inwards burn;
My heart is turned within me,
For I have grievously rebelled.
Abroad the sword bereaveth,
At home there is the like of death.
ש 21They have heard that I sigh,
There is none to comfort me;
All mine enemies have heard of my trouble, and are glad,
For Thou hast done it;
Thou wilt bring the day that Thou hast proclaimed,
And they shall be like unto me.
ת 22Let all their wickedness come before Thee;
And do unto them,
As Thou hast done unto me
For all my transgressions;
For my sighs are many
And my heart is faint.'

2 א How hath the Lord covered with a cloud
The daughter of Zion in His anger!
He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth
The beauty of Israel,
And hath not remembered His footstool
In the day of His anger.
ב 2The Lord hath swallowed up unsparingly
All the habitations of Jacob;
He hath thrown down in His wrath
The strongholds of the daughter of Judah;
He hath brought them down to the ground;
He hath profaned the kingdom and the princes thereof.
ג 3He hath cut off in fierce anger
All the horn of Israel;
He hath drawn back His right hand
From before the enemy;
And He hath burned in Jacob like a flaming fire,
Which devoureth round about.
ד 4He hath bent His bow like an enemy,
Standing with His right hand as an adversary,
And hath slain all that were pleasant to the eye;
In the tent of the daughter of Zion
He hath poured out His fury like fire.
ה 5The Lord is become as an enemy,
He hath swallowed up Israel;
He hath swallowed up all her palaces,
He hath destroyed his strongholds;
And He hath multiplied in the daughter of Judah
Mourning and moaning.
ו 6And He hath stripped His tabernacle, as if it were a garden,
He hath destroyed His place of assembly;

The Lord hath caused to be
forgotten in Zion
Appointed season and sabbath,
And hath rejected in the indignation
of His anger
The king and the priest.
ז 7 The Lord hath cast off His altar,
He hath abhorred His sanctuary,
He hath given up into the hand of
the enemy
The walls of her palaces;
They have made a noise in the
house of the Lord,
As in the day of a solemn assembly.
ח 8 The Lord hath purposed to destroy
The wall of the daughter of Zion;
He hath stretched out the line,
He hath not withdrawn
His hand from destroying;
But He hath made the rampart and
wall to mourn,
They languish together.
ט 9 Her gates are sunk into the ground;
He hath destroyed and broken her
bars;
Her king and her princes are among
the nations,
Instruction is no more;
Yea, her prophets find
No vision from the Lord.
י 10 They sit upon the ground, and
keep silence,
The elders of the daughter of Zion;
They have cast up dust upon their
heads,
They have girded themselves with
sackcloth;
The virgins of Jerusalem hang down
Their heads to the ground.
כ 11 Mine eyes do fail with tears,
Mine inwards burn,
My liver is poured upon the earth,
For the breach of the daughter of my
people;
Because the young children and the
sucklings swoon
In the broad places of the city.
ל 12 They say to their mothers:
‘Where is corn and wine?’
When they swoon as the wounded
In the broad places of the city,
When their soul is poured out
Into their mothers’bosom.
מ 13 What shall I take to witness for
thee?
What shall I liken to thee,
O daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I equal to thee, that I
may comfort thee,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For thy breach is great like the sea;
Who can heal thee?
נ 14 Thy prophets have seen visions for
thee
Of vanity and delusion;
And they have not uncovered thine
iniquity,
To bring back thy captivity;
But have prophesied for thee
burdens
Of vanity and seduction.
ס 15 All that pass by clap
Their hands at thee;
They hiss and wag their head
At the daughter of Jerusalem:
‘Is this the city that men called
The perfection of beauty,
The joy of the whole earth?’

פ 16 All thine enemies have opened
Their mouth wide against thee;
They hiss and gnash the teeth;
They say: 'We have swallowed her up;
Certainly this is the day that we looked for;
We have found, we have seen it.'
ע 17 The LORD hath done that which He devised;
He hath performed His word
That He commanded in the days of old;
He hath thrown down unsparingly;
And He hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee,
He hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.

צ 18 Their heart cried unto the Lord:
'O wall of the daughter of Zion,
Let tears run down like a river
Day and night;
Give thyself no respite;
Let not the apple of thine eye cease.
ק 19 Arise, cry out in the night,
At the beginning of the watches;
Pour out thy heart like water
Before the face of the Lord;
Lift up thy hands toward Him
For the life of thy young children,
That faint for hunger
At the head of every street.'
ר 20 'See, O LORD, and consider,
To whom Thou hast done thus!
Shall the women eat their fruit,
The children that are dandled in the hands?
Shall the priest and the prophet be slain
In the sanctuary of the Lord?
ש 21 The youth and the old man lie
On the ground in the streets;
My virgins and my young men
Are fallen by the sword;
Thou hast slain them in the day of Thine anger;
Thou hast slaughtered unsparingly.
ת 22 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly,
My terrors on every side,
And there was none in the day of the LORD's anger
That escaped or remained;
Those that I have dandled and brought up
Hath mine enemy consumed.'

א

3 I am the man that hath seen affliction
By the rod of His wrath.
2 He hath led me and caused me to walk in darkness and not in light.
3 Surely against me He turneth His hand again and again all the day.

ב

4 My flesh and my skin hath He worn out;
He hath broken my bones.
5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me
With gall and travail.
6 He hath made me to dwell in dark places,
As those that have been long dead.

ג

7He hath hedged me about, that I cannot go forth;
He hath made my chain heavy.
8Yea, when I cry and call for help,
He shutteth out my prayer.
9He hath enclosed my ways with hewn stone,
He hath made my paths crooked.

ד

10He is unto me as a bear lying in wait,
As a lion in secret places.
11He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces;
He hath made me desolate.
12He hath bent His bow, and set me
As a mark for the arrow.

ה

13He hath caused the arrows of His quiver
To enter into my reins.
14I am become a derision to all my people,
And their song all the day.
15He hath filled me with bitterness,
He hath sated me with wormwood.

ו

16He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones,
He hath made me to wallow in ashes.
17And my soul is removed far off from peace,
I forgot prosperity.
18And I said: 'My strength is perished,
And mine expectation from the Lord.'

ז

19Remember mine affliction and mine anguish,
The wormwood and the gall.
20My soul hath them still in remembrance,
And is bowed down within me.
21This I recall to my mind,
Therefore have I hope.

ח

22Surely the Lord'S mercies are not consumed,
Surely His compassions fail not.
23They are new every morning;
Great is Thy faithfulness.
24'The Lord is my portion', saith my soul;
'Therefore will I hope in Him.'

ט

25The Lord is good unto them that wait for Him,
To the soul that seeketh Him.
26It is good that a man should quietly wait
For the salvation of the Lord.
27It is good for a man that he bear
The yoke in his youth.

י

28Let him sit alone and keep silence,
Because He hath laid it upon him.
29Let him put his mouth in the dust,
If so be there may be hope.
30Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him
Let him be filled full with reproach.

כ

31For the Lord will not cast off
For ever.
32For though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion

According to the multitude of His
mercies.
33 For He doth not afflict willingly,
Nor grieve the children of men.

ל

34 To crush under foot
All the prisoners of the earth,
35 To turn aside the right of a man
Before the face of the Most High,
36 To subvert a man in his cause,
The Lord approveth not.

מ

37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh
to pass,
When the Lord commandeth it not?
38 Out of the mouth of the Most High
proceedeth not
Evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man
complain,
A strong man because of his sins?

נ

40 Let us search and try our ways,
And return to the Lord.
41 Let us lift up our heart with our
hands
Unto God in the heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have
rebelled;
Thou hast not pardoned.

ס

43 Thou hast covered with anger and
pursued us;
Thou hast slain unsparingly.
44 Thou hast covered Thyself with a
cloud,
So that no prayer can pass through.
45 Thou hast made us as the
offscouring and refuse
In the midst of the peoples.

פ

46 All our enemies have opened their
mouth
Wide against us.
47 Terror and the pit are come upon
us,
Desolation and destruction.
48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers
of water,
For the breach of the daughter of my
people.

ע

49 Mine eye is poured out, and
ceaseth not,
Without any intermission,
50 Till the Lord look forth,
And behold from heaven.
51 Mine eye affected my soul,
Because of all the daughters of my
city.

צ

52 They have chased me sore like a
bird,
That are mine enemies without
cause.
53 They have cut off my life in the
dungeon,
And have cast stones upon me.
54 Waters flowed over my head;
I said: ‘I am cut off.’

ק

55 I called upon Thy name, O Lord,
Out of the lowest dungeon.
56 Thou heardest my voice; hide not
Thine ear at my sighing, at my cry.
57 Thou drewest near in the day that I
called upon Thee;
Thou saidst: ‘Fear not.’

ר

58O Lord, Thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul;
Thou hast redeemed my life.
59O LORD, Thou hast seen my wrong;
Judge Thou my cause.
60Thou hast seen all their vengeance
And all their devices against me.

ש

61Thou hast heard their taunt, O LORD,
And all their devices against me;
62The lips of those that rose up against me,
And their muttering against me all the day.
63Behold Thou their sitting down, and their rising up;
I am their song.

ת

64Thou wilt render unto them a recompense, O LORD,
According to the work of their hands.
65Thou wilt give them hardness of heart,
Thy curse unto them.
66Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them
From under the heavens of the LORD.

4 א How is the gold become dim!
How is the most fine gold changed!
The hallowed stones are poured out
At the head of every street.
ב 2The precious sons of Zion,
Comparable to fine gold,
How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers,
The work of the hands of the potter!
ג 3Even the jackals draw out the breast,
They give suck to their young ones;
The daughter of my people is become cruel,
Like the ostriches in the wilderness.
ד 4The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth
To the roof of his mouth for thirst;
The young children ask bread,
And none breaketh it unto them.
ה 5They that did feed on dainties
Are desolate in the streets;
They that were brought up in scarlet
Embrace dunghills.
ו 6For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater
Than the sin of Sodom,
That was overthrown as in a moment,
And no hands fell upon her.
ז 7Her princes were purer than snow,
They were whiter than milk,
They were more ruddy in body than rubies,
Their polishing was as of sapphire;
ח 8Their visage is blacker than a coal;
They are not known in the streets;
Their skin is shrivelled upon their bones;
It is withered, it is become like a stick.
ט 9They that are slain with the sword are better
Than they that are slain with hunger;

For these pine away, stricken through,
For want of the fruits of the field.
י [10]The hands of women full of compassion
Have sodden their own children;
They were their food
In the destruction of the daughter of my people.

כ [11]The Lord hath accomplished His fury,
He hath poured out His fierce anger;
And He hath kindled a fire in Zion,
Which hath devoured the foundations thereof.
ל [12]The kings of the earth believed not,
Neither all the inhabitants of the world,
That the adversary and the enemy would enter
Into the gates of Jerusalem.
מ [13]It is because of the sins of her prophets,
And the iniquities of her priests,
That have shed the blood of the just
In the midst of her.
נ [14]They wander as blind men in the streets,
They are polluted with blood,
So that men cannot
Touch their garments.
ס [15]'Depart ye! unclean! ' men cried unto them,
'Depart, depart, touch not';
Yea, they fled away and wandered;
Men said among the nations:
'They shall no more sojourn here.'
פ [16]The anger of the Lord hath divided them;
He will no more regard them;
They respected not the persons of the priests,
They were not gracious unto the elders.

ע [17]As for us, our eyes do yet fail
For our vain help;
In our watching we have watched
For a nation that could not save.
צ [18]They hunt our steps,
That we cannot go in our broad places;
Our end is near, our days are fulfilled;
For our end is come.
ק [19]Our pursuers were swifter
Than the eagles of the heaven;
They chased us upon the mountains,
They lay in wait for us in the wilderness.
ר [20]The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord,
Was taken in their pits;
Of whom we said: 'Under his shadow
We shall live among the nations.'
ש [21]Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom,
That dwellest in the land of Uz:
The cup shall pass over unto thee also;
Thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.
ת [22]The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion,

He will no more carry thee away
into captivity;
He will punish thine iniquity, O
daughter of Edom,
He will uncover thy sins.

5 Remember, O LORD, what is come
upon us;
Behold, and see our reproach.
2Our inheritance is turned unto
strangers,
Our houses unto aliens.
3We are become orphans and
fatherless,
Our mothers are as widows.
4We have drunk our water for
money;
Our wood cometh to us for price.
5To our very necks we are pursued;
We labour, and have no rest.
6We have given the hand to Egypt,
And to Assyria, to have bread
enough;
7Our fathers have sinned, and are
not;
And we have borne their iniquities.
8Servants rule over us;
There is none to deliver us out of
their hand.
9We get our bread with the peril of
our lives
Because of the sword of the
wilderness.
10Our skin is hot like an oven
Because of the burning heat of
famine.
11They have ravished the women in
Zion,
The maidens in the cities of Judah.
12Princes are hanged up by their
hand;
The faces of elders are not
honoured.
13The young men have borne the
mill,
And the children have stumbled
under the wood.
14The elders have ceased from the
gate,
The young men from their music.
15The joy of our heart is ceased;
Our dance is turned into mourning.
16The crown is fallen from our head;
Woe unto us! for we have sinned.

17For this our heart is faint,
For these things our eyes are dim;
18For the mountain of Zion, which is
desolate,
The foxes walk upon it.
19Thou, O LORD, art enthroned for
ever,
Thy throne is from generation to
generation.
20Wherefore dost Thou forget us for
ever,
And forsake us so long time?
21Turn Thou us unto Thee, O LORD,
and we shall be turned;
Renew our days as of old.
22Thou canst not have utterly
rejected us,
And be exceeding wroth against us!

Turn us unto Thee, O Lord, and we shall be
turned;
Renew our days as of old.

# קהלת

# ECCLESIASTES

1 The Words OF the Koheleth, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

[2]Vanity of vanities, saith Koheleth;
Vanity of vanities, all is vanity.

[3]What profit hath man of all his
labour
Wherein he laboureth under the
sun?
[4]One generation passeth away, and
another generation cometh;
And the earth abideth for ever.
[5]The sun also ariseth,
And the sun goeth down,
And hasteth to his place where he
ariseth.
[6]The wind goeth toward the south,
And turneth about unto the north;
It turneth about continually in its
circuit,
And the wind returneth again to its
circuits.
[7]All the rivers run into the sea,
Yet the sea is not full;
Unto the place whither the rivers go,
Thither they go again.
[8]All things toil to weariness;
Man cannot utter it,
The eye is not satisfied with seeing,
Nor the ear filled with hearing.
[9]That which hath been is that which
shall be,
And that which hath been done is
that which shall be done;
And there is nothing new under the
sun.
[10]Is there a thing whereof it is said:
'See, this is new'?—it hath been
already, in the ages which were before
us. [11]There is no remembrance of them
of former times; neither shall there be
any remembrance of them of latter
times that are to come, among those
that shall come after.

[12]I Koheleth have been king over
Israel in Jerusalem. [13]And I applied my
heart to seek and to search out by
wisdom concerning all things that are
done under heaven; it is a sore task
that God hath given to the sons of men
to be exercised therewith. [14]I have seen
all the works that are done under the
sun; and, behold, all is vanity and a
striving after wind.
[15]That which is crooked cannot be
made straight;
And that which is wanting cannot be
numbered.
[16]I spoke with my own heart, saying:
'Lo, I have gotten great wisdom, more
also than all that were before me over
Jerusalem'; yea, my heart hath had
great experience of wisdom and
knowledge. [17]And I applied my heart
to know wisdom, and to know

madness and folly—I perceived that
this also was a striving after wind.
18 For in much wisdom is much
vexation;
And he that increaseth knowledge
increaseth sorrow.

2 I said in my heart: ‘Come now, I
will try thee with mirth, and enjoy
pleasure’; and, behold, this also was
vanity. 2 I said of laughter: ‘It is mad’;
and of mirth: ‘What doth it
accomplish?’ 3 I searched in my heart
how to pamper my flesh with wine,
and, my heart conducting itself with
wisdom, how yet to lay hold on folly,
till I might see which it was best for
the sons of men that they should do
under the heaven the few days of their
life. 4 I made me great works; I builded
me houses; I planted me vineyards; 5 I
made me gardens and parks, and I
planted trees in them of all kinds of
fruit; 6 I made me pools of water, to
water therefrom the wood springing up
with trees; 7 I acquired men-servants
and maid-servants, and had servants
born in my house; also I had great
possessions of herds and flocks, above
all that were before me in Jerusalem; 8 I
gathered me also silver and gold, and
treasure such as kings and the
provinces have as their own; I got me
men-singers and women-singers, and
the delights of the sons of men,
women very many. 9 So I was great,
and increased more than all that were
before me in Jerusalem; also my
wisdom stood me in stead. 10 And
whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept
not from them; I withheld not my heart
from any joy, for my heart had joy of
all my labour; and this was my portion
from all my labour. 11 Then I looked on
all the works that my hands had
wrought, and on the labour that I had
laboured to do; and, behold, all was
vanity and a striving after wind, and
there was no profit under the sun.
12 And I turned myself to behold
wisdom, and madness and folly; for
what can the man do that cometh after
the king? even that which hath been
already done. 13 Then I saw that
wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light
excelleth darkness.
14 The wise man, his eyes are in his
head;
But the fool walketh in darkness.
And I also perceived that one event
happeneth to them all. 15 Then said I in
my heart: ‘As it happeneth to the fool,
so will it happen even to me; and why
was I then more wise?’ Then I said in
my heart, that this also is vanity. 16 For
of the wise man, even as of the fool,
there is no remembrance for ever;
seeing that in the days to come all will
long ago have been forgotten. And
how must the wise man die even as the
fool! 17 So I hated life; because the
work that is wrought under the sun
was grievous unto me; for all is vanity
and a striving after wind.
18 And I hated all my labour wherein
I laboured under the sun, seeing that I
must leave it unto the man that shall be
after me. 19 And who knoweth whether

he will be a wise man or a fool? yet
will he have rule over all my labour
wherein I have laboured, and wherein I
have shown myself wise under the sun.
This also is vanity. [20]Therefore I
turned about to cause my heart to
despair concerning all the labour
wherein I had laboured under the sun.
[21]For there is a man whose labour is
with wisdom, and with knowledge,
and with skill; yet to a man that hath
not laboured therein shall he leave it
for his portion. This also is vanity and
a great evil. [22]For what hath a man of
all his labour, and of the striving of his
heart, wherein he laboureth under the
sun? [23]For all his days are pains, and
his occupation vexation; yea, even in
the night his heart taketh not rest. This
also is vanity.

[24]There is nothing better for a man
than that he should eat and drink, and
make his soul enjoy pleasure for his
labour. This also I saw, that it is from
the hand of God. [25]For who will eat, or
who will enjoy, if not I? [26]For to the
man that is good in His sight He giveth
wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but
to the sinner He giveth the task, to
gather and to heap up, that he may
leave to him that is good in the sight of
God. This also is vanity and a striving
after wind.

3 To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under
the heaven:

[2]A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;
[3]A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
[4]A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
[5]A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
[6]A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to cast away;
[7]A time to rend, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
[8]A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time for war, and a time for peace.

[9]What profit hath he that worketh in
that he laboureth? [10]I have seen the
task which God hath given to the sons
of men to be exercised therewith. [11]He
hath made every thing beautiful in its
time; also He hath set the world in
their heart, yet so that man cannot find
out the work that God hath done from
the beginning even to the end. [12]I
know that there is nothing better for
them, than to rejoice, and to get
pleasure so long as they live. [13]But
also that every man should eat and
drink, and enjoy pleasure for all his
labour, is the gift of God. [14]I know
that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be
for ever; nothing can be added to it,

nor any thing taken from it; and God
hath so made it, that men should fear
before Him. 15That which is hath been
long ago, and that which is to be hath
already been; and God seeketh that
which is pursued.

16And moreover I saw under the sun,
in the place of justice, that wickedness
was there; and in the place of
righteousness, that wickedness was
there. 17I said in my heart: ‘The
righteous and the wicked God will
judge; for there is a time there for
every purpose and for every work.’ 18I
said in my heart: ‘It is because of the
sons of men, that God may sift them,
and that they may see that they
themselves are but as beasts.’ 19For
that which befalleth the sons of men
befalleth beasts; even one thing
befalleth them; as the one dieth, so
dieth the other; yea, they have all one
breath; so that man hath no pre-
eminence above a beast; for all is
vanity. 20All go unto one place; all are
of the dust, and all return to dust.
21Who knoweth the spirit of man
whether it goeth upward, and the spirit
of the beast whether it goeth
downward to the earth? 22Wherefore I
perceived that there is nothing better,
than that a man should rejoice in his
works; for that is his portion; for who
shall bring him to see what shall be
after him?

4 But I returned and considered all
the oppressions that are done
under the sun; and behold the tears of
such as were oppressed, and they had
no comforter; and on the side of their
oppressors there was power, but they
had no comforter. 2Wherefore I praised
the dead that are already dead more
than the living that are yet alive; 3but
better than they both is he that hath not
yet been, who hath not seen the evil
work that is done under the sun.

4Again, I considered all labour and
all excelling in work, that it is a man’s
rivalry with his neighbour. This also is
vanity and a striving after wind.

5The fool foldeth his hands together,
And eateth his own flesh.
6Better is a handful of quietness,
Than both the hands full of labour
and striving after wind.

7Then I returned and saw vanity
under the sun. 8There is one that is
alone, and he hath not a second; yea,
he hath neither son nor brother; yet is
there no end of all his labour, neither is
his eye satisfied with riches: ‘for
whom then do I labour, and bereave
my soul of pleasure?’ This also is
vanity, yea, it is a grievous business.
9Two are better than one; because they
have a good reward for their labour.
10For if they fall, the one will lift up
his fellow; but woe to him that is alone
when he falleth, and hath not another
to lift him up. 11Again, if two lie
together, then they have warmth; but
how can one be warm alone? 12And if
a man prevail against him that is alone,
two shall withstand him; and a
threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13Better is a poor and wise child
than an old and foolish king, who

knoweth not how to receive admonition any more. [14]For out of prison he came forth to be king; although in his kingdom he was born poor. [15]I saw all the living that walk under the sun, that they were with the child, the second, that was to stand up in his stead. [16]There was no end of all the people, even of all them whom he did lead; yet they that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

[17]Guard thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be ready to hearken: it is better than when fools give sacrifices; for they know not that they do evil.

5 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter a word before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few.

[2]For a dream cometh through a
multitude of business;
And a fool's voice through a
multitude of words.

[3]When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou vowest. [4]Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. [5]Suffer not thy mouth to bring thy flesh into guilt, neither say thou before the messenger, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands? [6]For through the multitude of dreams and vanities there are also many words; but fear thou God.

[7]If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and the violent perverting of justice and righteousness in the state, marvel not at the matter; for one higher than the high watcheth, and there are higher than they. [8]But the profit of a land every way is a king that maketh himself servant to the field.

[9]He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increase; this also is vanity. [10]When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, saving the beholding of them with his eyes?

[11]Sweet is the sleep of a labouring man, whether he eat little or much; but the satiety of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

[12]There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept by the owner thereof to his hurt; [13]and those riches perish by evil adventure; and if he hath begotten a son, there is nothing in his hand. [14]As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he go back as he came, and shall take nothing for his labour, which he may carry away in his hand. [15]And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what profit hath he that he laboureth for the wind? [16]All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he hath much vexation and sickness and wrath.

17Behold that which I have seen: it is
good, yea, it is comely for one to eat
and to drink, and to enjoy pleasure for
all his labour, wherein he laboureth
under the sun, all the days of his life
which God hath given him; for this is
his portion. 18Every man also to whom
God hath given riches and wealth, and
hath given him power to eat thereof,
and to take his portion, and to rejoice
in his labour—this is the gift of God.
19For let him remember the days of his
life that they are not many; for God
answereth him in the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen
under the sun, and it is heavy
upon men: 2a man to whom God
giveth riches, wealth, and honour, so
that he wanteth nothing for his soul of
all that he desireth, yet God giveth him
not power to eat thereof, but a stranger
eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil
disease. 3If a man beget a hundred
children, and live many years, so that
the days of his years are many, but his
soul have not enough of good, and
moreover he have no burial; I say, that
an untimely birth is better than he; 4for
it cometh in vanity, and departeth in
darkness, and the name thereof is
covered with darkness; 5moreover it
hath not seen the sun nor known it;
this hath gratification rather than the
other; 6yea, though he live a thousand
years twice told, and enjoy no good;
do not all go to one place?

7All the labour of man is for his
mouth,
And yet the appetite is not filled.

8For what advantage hath the wise
more than the fool? or the poor man
that hath understanding, in walking
before the living? 9Better is the seeing
of the eyes than the wandering of the
desire; this also is vanity and a striving
after wind.

10Whatsoever cometh into being, the
name thereof was given long ago, and
it is foreknown what man is; neither
can he contend with Him that is
mightier than he. 11Seeing there are
many words that increase vanity, what
is man the better? 12For who knoweth
what is good for man in his life, all the
days of his vain life which he spendeth
as a shadow? for who can tell a man
what shall be after him under the sun?

7 A good name is better than
precious oil;
And the day of death than the day of
one's birth.
2It is better to go to the house of
mourning,
Than to go to the house of feasting;
For that is the end of all men,
And the living will lay it to his
heart.
3Vexation is better than laughter;
For by the sadness of the
countenance the heart may be
gladdened.
4The heart of the wise is in the
house of mourning;
But the heart of fools is in the house
of mirth.
5It is better to hear the rebuke of the
wise,

Than for a man to hear the song of fools.
6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool; this also is vanity.
7 Surely oppression turneth a wise man into a fool;
And a gift destroyeth the understanding.
8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof;
And the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry;
For anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

10 Say not thou: ‘How was it that the
former days were better than these?’
for it is not out of wisdom that thou
inquirest concerning this.

11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance,
Yea, a profit to them that see the sun.

12 For wisdom is a defence, even as
money is a defence; but the excellency
of knowledge is, that wisdom
preserveth the life of him that hath it.

13 Consider the work of God; for
who can make that straight, which He
hath made crooked? 14 In the day of
prosperity be joyful, and in the day of
adversity consider; God hath made
even the one as well as the other, to
the end that man should find nothing
after him.

15 All things have I seen in the days
of my vanity; there is a righteous man
that perisheth in his righteousness, and
there is a wicked man that prolongeth
his life in his evil-doing. 16 Be not
righteous overmuch; neither make
thyself overwise; why shouldest thou
destroy thyself? 17 Be not overmuch
wicked, neither be thou foolish; why
shouldest thou die before thy time? 18 It
is good that thou shouldest take hold
of the one; yea, also from the other
withdraw not thy hand; for he that
feareth God shall discharge himself of
them all.

19 Wisdom is a stronghold to the
wise man more than ten rulers that are
in a city. 20 For there is not a righteous
man upon earth, that doeth good, and
sinneth not.

21 Also take not heed unto all words
that are spoken, lest thou hear thy
servant curse thee; 22 for oftentimes
also thine own heart knoweth that thou
thyself likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I tried by wisdom; I
said: ‘I will get wisdom’; but it was far
from me. 24 That which is is far off, and
exceeding deep; who can find it out?
25 I turned about, and applied my heart
to know and to search out, and to seek
wisdom and the reason of things, and
to know wickedness to be folly, and
foolishness to be madness; 26 and I find
more bitter than death the woman,
whose heart is snares and nets, and her
hands as bands; whoso pleaseth God
shall escape from her; but the sinner
shall be taken by her. 27 Behold, this
have I found, saith Koheleth, adding
one thing to another, to find out the

account; [28]which yet my soul sought,
but I found not; one man among a
thousand have I found; but a woman
among all those have I not found.
[29]Behold, this only have I found, that
God made man upright; but they have
sought out many inventions.

8 Who is as the wise man? and who
knoweth the interpretation of a
thing?

A man's wisdom maketh his face to
shine,
And the boldness of his face is
changed.

[2]I [counsel thee]: keep the king's
command, and that in regard of the
oath of God. [3]Be not hasty to go out of
his presence; stand not in an evil thing;
for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.
[4]Forasmuch as the king's word hath
power; and who may say unto him:
'What doest thou?'

[5]Whoso keepeth the commandment
shall know no evil thing;
And a wise man's heart discerneth
time and judgment.

[6]For to every matter there is a time and
judgment; for the evil of man is great
upon him. [7]For he knoweth not that
which shall be; for even when it
cometh to pass, who shall declare it
unto him? [8]There is no man that hath
power over the wind to retain the
wind; neither hath he power over the
day of death; and there is no discharge
in war; neither shall wickedness
deliver him that is given to it. [9]All this
have I seen, even applied my heart
thereto, whatever the work that is done
under the sun; what time one man had
power over another to his hurt.
[10]And so I saw the wicked buried, and
they entered into their rest; but they
that had done right went away from
the holy place, and were forgotten in
the city; this also is vanity. [11]Because
sentence against an evil work is not
executed speedily, therefore the heart
of the sons of men is fully set in them
to do evil; [12]because a sinner doeth
evil a hundred times, and prolongeth
his days—though yet I know that it
shall be well with them that fear God,
that fear before Him; [13]but it shall not
be well with the wicked, neither shall
he prolong his days, which are as a
shadow, because he feareth not before
God. [14]There is a vanity which is done
upon the earth: that there are righteous
men, unto whom it happeneth
according to the work of the wicked;
again, there are wicked men, to whom
it happeneth according to the work of
the righteous—I said that this also is
vanity. [15]So I commended mirth, that a
man hath no better thing under the sun,
than to eat, and to drink, and to be
merry, and that this should accompany
him in his labour all the days of his life
which God hath given him under the
sun.

[16]When I applied my heart to know
wisdom, and to see the business that is
done upon the earth—for neither day
nor night do men see sleep with their
eyes—[17]then I beheld all the work of
God, that man cannot find out the

work that is done under the sun;
because though a man labour to seek it
out, yet he shall not find it; yea further,
though a wise man think to know it,
yet shall he not be able to find it.

9 For all this I laid to my heart,
even to make clear all this: that
the righteous, and the wise, and their
works, are in the hand of God; whether
it be love or hatred, man knoweth it
not; all is before them. 2All things
come alike to all; there is one event to
the righteous and to the wicked; to the
good and to the clean and to the
unclean; to him that sacrificeth and to
him that sacrificeth not; as is the good,
so is the sinner, and he that sweareth,
as he that feareth an oath. 3This is an
evil in all that is done under the sun,
that there is one event unto all; yea
also, the heart of the sons of men is
full of evil, and madness is in their
heart while they live, and after that
they go to the dead.

4For to him that is joined to all the
living there is hope; for a living dog is
better than a dead lion. 5For the living
know that they shall die; but the dead
know not any thing, neither have they
any more a reward; for the memory of
them is forgotten. 6As well their love,
as their hatred and their envy, is long
ago perished; neither have they any
more a portion for ever in any thing
that is done under the sun.

7Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy,
And drink thy wine with a merry
heart;
For God hath already accepted thy
works.
8Let thy garments be always white;
And let thy head lack no oil.

9Enjoy life with the wife whom thou
lovest all the days of the life of thy
vanity, which He hath given thee
under the sun, all the days of thy
vanity; for that is thy portion in life,
and in thy labour wherein thou
labourest under the sun. 10Whatsoever
thy hand attaineth to do by thy
strength, that do; for there is no work,
nor device, nor knowledge, nor
wisdom, in the grave, whither thou
goest.

11I returned, and saw under the sun,
that the race is not to the swift, nor the
battle to the strong, neither yet bread
to the wise, nor yet riches to men of
understanding, nor yet favour to men
of skill; but time and chance
happeneth to them all. 12For man also
knoweth not his time; as the fishes that
are taken in an evil net, and as the
birds that are caught in the snare, even
so are the sons of men snared in an
evil time, when it falleth suddenly
upon them.

13This also have I seen as wisdom
under the sun, and it seemed great unto
me: 14there was a little city, and few
men within it; and there came a great
king against it, and besieged it, and
built great bulwarks against it; 15now
there was found in it a man poor and
wise, and he by his wisdom delivered
the city; yet no man remembered that
same poor man. 16Then said I:

‘Wisdom is better than strength; nevertheless the poor man’s wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.’

[17]The words of the wise spoken in quiet
Are more acceptable than the cry of a ruler among fools.
[18]Wisdom is better than weapons of war;
But one sinner destroyeth much good.

# 10

Dead flies make the ointment of the perfumer fetid and putrid;
So doth a little folly outweigh wisdom and honour.
[2]A wise man’s understanding is at his right hand;
But a fool’s understanding at his
left. [3]Yea also, when a fool walketh by
the way, his understanding faileth him,
and he saith to every one that he is a
fool.

[4]If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee,
Leave not thy place;
For gentleness allayeth great offences.
[5]There is an evil which I have seen under the sun,
Like an error which proceedeth from a ruler:
[6]Folly is set on great heights,
And the rich sit in low place.
[7]I have seen servants upon horses,
And princes walking as servants upon the earth.
[8]He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it;
And whoso breaketh through a fence, a serpent shall bite him.
[9]Whoso quarrieth stones shall be hurt therewith;
And he that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby.
[10]If the iron be blunt,
And one do not whet the edge,
Then must he put to more strength;
But wisdom is profitable to direct.
[11]If the serpent bite before it is charmed,
Then the charmer hath no advantage.

[12]The words of a wise man’s mouth are gracious;
But the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
[13]The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness;
And the end of his talk is grievous madness.
[14]A fool also multiplieth words;
Yet man knoweth not what shall be;
And that which shall be after him,
Who can tell him?
[15]The labour of fools wearieth every one of them,
For he knoweth not how to go to the city.

[16]Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a boy,
And thy princes feast in the morning!

17Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is a free man,
And thy princes eat in due season,
In strength, and not in drunkenness!

18By slothfulness the rafters sink in;
And through idleness of the hands the house leaketh.

19A feast is made for laughter,
And wine maketh glad the life;
And money answereth all things.

20Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought,
And curse not the rich in thy bedchamber;
For a bird of the air shall carry the voice,
And that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

11 Cast thy bread upon the waters,
For thou shalt find it after many days.
2Divide a portion into seven, yea, even into eight;
For thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
3If the clouds be full of rain,
They empty themselves upon the earth;
And if a tree fall in the south, or in the north,
In the place where the tree falleth, there shall it be.
4He that observeth the wind shall not sow;
And he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
5As thou knowest not what is the way of the wind,
Nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child;
Even so thou knowest not the work of God
Who doeth all things.
6In the morning sow thy seed,
And in the evening withhold not thy hand;
For thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that,
Or whether they both shall be alike good.
7And the light is sweet,
And a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.
8For if a man live many years,
Let him rejoice in them all,
And remember the days of darkness,
For they shall be many.
All that cometh is vanity.

9Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth;
And let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth,
And walk in the ways of thy heart,
And in the sight of thine eyes;
But know thou, that for all these things
God will bring thee into judgment.
10Therefore remove vexation from thy heart,
And put away evil from thy flesh;
For childhood and youth are vanity.

12 Remember then thy Creator in the days of thy youth,
Before the evil days come,
And the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say:
'I have no pleasure in them';
2 Before the sun, and the light, and the moon,
And the stars, are darkened,
And the clouds return after the rain;
3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble,
And the strong men shall bow themselves,
And the grinders cease because they are few,
And those that look out shall be darkened in the windows,
4 And the doors shall be shut in the street,
When the sound of the grinding is low;
And one shall start up at the voice of a bird,
And all the daughters of music shall be brought low;
5 Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high,
And terrors shall be in the way;
And the almond-tree shall blossom,
And the grasshopper shall drag itself along,
And the caperberry shall fail;
Because man goeth to his long home,
And the mourners go about the streets;
6 Before the silver cord is snapped asunder,
And the golden bowl is shattered,
And the pitcher is broken at the fountain,
And the wheel falleth shattered, into the pit;
7 And the dust returneth to the earth as it was,
And the spirit returneth unto God who gave it.
8 Vanity of vanities, saith Koheleth; all is vanity.

9 And besides that Koheleth was wise, he also taught the people knowledge; yea, he pondered, and sought out, and set in order many
proverbs. 10 Koheleth sought to find out words of delight, and that which was written uprightly, even words of truth.
11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails well fastened are those that are composed in collections; they are given from one shepherd.
12 And furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
13 The end of the matter, all having been heard: fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole
man. 14 For God shall bring every work into the judgment concerning every hidden thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

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# אסתר

# ESTHER

1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus—this is Ahasuerus who reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty provinces— 2that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the castle, 3in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the army of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him; 4when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty, many days, even a hundred and fourscore days. 5And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the castle, both great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; 6there were hangings of white, fine cotton, and blue, bordered with cords of fine linen and purple, upon silver rods and pillars of marble; the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of green, and white, and shell, and onyx marble. 7And they gave them drink in vessels of gold—the vessels being diverse one from another—and royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. 8And the drinking was according to the law; none did compel; for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure.

9Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. 10On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Bizzetha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that ministered in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, 11to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to show the peoples and the princes her beauty; for she was fair to look on. 12But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by the chamberlains; therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.

13Then the king said to the wise men, who knew the times—for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment; 14and the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, who saw the king's face, and sat the first in the kingdom: 15'What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, forasmuch as she hath not done the bidding of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?'

16And Memucan answered before the king and the princes: 'Vashti the

queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples, that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus.
[17]For this deed of the queen will come abroad unto all women, to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it will be said: The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not.
[18]And this day will the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the deed of the queen say the like unto all the king's princes. So will there arise enough contempt and wrath.
[19]If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus, and that the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.
[20]And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom, great though it be, all the wives will give to their husbands honour, both to great and small.'
[21]And the word pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan;
[22]for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and speak according to the language of his people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was assuaged, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.
[2]Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him: 'Let there be sought for the king young virgins fair to look on;
[3]and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the castle, to the house of the women, unto the custody of [a]Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their ointments be given them;
[4]and let the maiden that pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti.' And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

[5]There was a certain Jew in Shushan the castle, whose name was Mordecai the son of Jair the son of Shimei the son of Kish, a Benjamite,
[6]who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives that had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away.
[7]And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter; for she had neither father nor mother, and the maiden was of beautiful form and fair to look on; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter.

[8]So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was

[a] Heb. Hege.

published, and when many maidens
were gathered together unto Shushan
the castle, to the custody of Hegai, that
Esther was taken into the king's house,
to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the
women. 9And the maiden pleased him,
and she obtained kindness of him; and
he speedily gave her her ointments,
with her portions, and the seven
maidens, who were meet to be given
her out of the king's house; and he
advanced her and her maidens to the
best place in the house of the women.
10Esther had not made known her
people nor her kindred; for Mordecai
had charged her that she should not tell
it. 11And Mordecai walked every day
before the court of the women's house,
to know how Esther did, and what
would become of her.

12Now when the turn of every
maiden was come to go in to king
Ahasuerus, after that it had been done
to her according to the law for the
women, twelve months—for so were
the days of their anointing
accomplished, to wit, six months with
oil of myrrh, and six month with sweet
odours, and with other ointments of
the women —13when then the maiden
came unto the king, whatsoever she
desired was given her to go with her
out of the house of the women unto the
king's house. 14In the evening she
went, and on the morrow she returned
into the second house of the women, to
the custody of Shaashgaz, the king's
chamberlain, who kept the concubines;
she came in unto the king no more,
except the king delighted in her, and
she were called by name.

15Now when the turn of Esther, the
daughter of Abihail the uncle of
Mordecai, who had taken her for his
daughter, was come to go in unto the
king, she required nothing but what
Hegai the king's chamberlain, the
keeper of the women, appointed. And
Esther obtained favour in the sight of
all them that looked upon her. 16So
Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus
into his house royal in the tenth month,
which is the month Tebeth, in the
seventh year of his reign. 17And the
king loved Esther above all the
women, and she obtained grace and
favour in his sight more than all the
virgins; so that he set the royal crown
upon her head, and made her queen
instead of Vashti. 18Then the king
made a great feast unto all his princes
and his servants, even Esther's feast;
and he made a release to the provinces,
and gave gifts, according to the bounty
of the king.

19And when the virgins were
gathered together the second time, and
Mordecai sat in the king's gate—
20Esther had not yet made known her
kindred nor her people; as Mordecai
had charged her; for Esther did the
commandment of Mordecai, like as
when she was brought up with him—
21in those days, while Mordecai sat in
the king's gate, two of the king's
chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of
those that kept the door, were wroth,
and sought to lay hands on the king

Ahasuerus. [22]And the thing became
known to Mordecai, who told it unto
Esther the queen; and Esther told the
king thereof in Mordecai’s name.
[23]And when inquisition was made of
the matter, and it was found to be so,
they were both hanged on a tree; and it
was written in the book of the
chronicles before the king.

3 After these things did king
Ahasuerus promote Haman the
son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and
advanced him, and set his seat above
all the princes that were with him.
[2]And all the king’s servants, that were
in the king’s gate, bowed down, and
prostrated themselves before Haman;
for the king had so commanded
concerning him. But Mordecai bowed
not down, nor prostrated himself
before him. [3]Then the king’s servants,
that were in the king’s gate, said unto
Mordecai: ‘Why transgressest thou the
king’s commandment?’ [4]Now it came
to pass, when they spoke daily unto
him, and he hearkened not unto them,
that they told Haman, to see whether
Mordecai’s words would stand; for he
had told them that he was a Jew. [5]And
when Haman saw that Mordecai
bowed not down, nor prostrated
himself before him, then was Haman
full of wrath. [6]But it seemed
contemptible in his eyes to lay hands
on Mordecai alone; for they had made
known to him the people of Mordecai;
wherefore Haman sought to destroy all
the Jews that were throughout the
whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the
people of Mordecai. [7]In the first
month, which is the month Nisan, in
the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus,
they cast pur, that is, the lot, before
Haman from day to day, and from
month to month, to the twelfth month,
which is the month Adar.

[8]And Haman said unto king
Ahasuerus: ‘There is a certain people
scattered abroad and dispersed among
the peoples in all the provinces of thy
kingdom; and their laws are diverse
from those of every people; neither
keep they the king’s laws; therefore it
profiteth not the king to suffer them.
[9]If it please the king, let it be written
that they be destroyed; and I will pay
ten thousand talents of silver into the
hands of those that have the charge of
the king’s business, to bring it into the
king’s treasuries.’ [10]And the king took
his ring from his hand, and gave it
unto Haman the son of Hammedatha
the Agagite, the Jews’enemy. [11]And
the king said unto Haman: ‘The silver
is given to thee, the people also, to do
with them as it seemeth good to thee.’

[12]Then were the king’s scribes
called in the first month, on the
thirteenth day thereof, and there was
written, according to all that Haman
commanded, unto the king’s satraps,
and to the governors that were over
every province, and to the princes of
every people; to every province
according to the writing thereof, and to
every people after their language; in
the name of king Ahasuerus was it

written, and it was sealed with the
king's ring. 13And letters were sent by
posts into all the king's provinces, to
destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish,
all Jews, both young and old, little
children and women, in one day, even
upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth
month, which is the month Adar, and
to take the spoil of them for a prey.
14The copy of the writing, to be given
out for a decree in every province, was
to be published unto all peoples, that
they should be ready against that day.
15The posts went forth in haste by the
king's commandment, and the decree
was given out in Shushan the castle;
and the king and Haman sat down to
drink; but the city of Shushan was
perplexed.

4 Now when Mordecai knew all
that was done, Mordecai rent his
clothes, and put on sackcloth with
ashes, and went out into the midst of
the city, and cried with a loud and a
bitter cry; 2and he came even before
the king's gate; for none might enter
within the king's gate clothed with
sackcloth. 3And in every province,
whithersoever the king's
commandment and his decree came,
there was great mourning among the
Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and
wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and
ashes.

4And Esther's maidens and her
chamberlains came and told it her; and
the queen was exceedingly pained; and
she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai;
and to take his sackcloth from off him;
but he accepted it not. 5Then called
Esther for Hathach, one of the king's
chamberlains, whom he had appointed
to attend upon her, and charged him to
go to Mordecai, to know what this
was, and why it was. 6So Hathach
went forth to Mordecai unto the broad
place of the city, which was before the
king's gate. 7And Mordecai told him
of all that had happened unto him, and
the exact sum of the money that
Haman had promised to pay to the
king's treasuries for the Jews, to
destroy them. 8Also he gave him the
copy of the writing of the decree that
was given out in Shushan to destroy
them, to show it unto Esther, and to
declare it unto her; and to charge her
that she should go in unto the king, to
make supplication unto him, and to
make request before him, for her
people.

9And Hathach came and told Esther
the words of Mordecai. 10Then Esther
spoke unto Hathach, and gave him a
message unto Mordecai: 11'All the
king's servants, and the people of the
king's provinces, do know, that
whosoever, whether man or woman,
shall come unto the king into the inner
court, who is not called, there is one
law for him, that he be put to death,
except such to whom the king shall
hold out the golden sceptre, that he
may live; but I have not been called to
come in unto the king these thirty
days.' 12And they told to Mordecai
Esther's words.

[13]Then Mordecai bade them to
return answer unto Esther: ‘Think not
with thyself that thou shalt escape in
the king’s house, more than all the
Jews. [14]For if thou altogether holdest
thy peace at this time, then will relief
and deliverance arise to the Jews from
another place, but thou and thy father’s
house will perish; and who knoweth
whether thou art not come to royal
estate for such a time as this?’ [15]Then
Esther bade them return answer unto
Mordecai: [16]’Go, gather together all
the Jews that are present in Shushan,
and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor
drink three days, night or day; I also
and my maidens will fast in like
manner; and so will I go in unto the
king, which is not according to the
law; and if I perish, I perish.’ [17]So
Mordecai went his way, and did
according to all that Esther had
commanded him.

5 Now it came to pass on the third
day, that Esther put on her royal
apparel, and stood in the inner court of
the king’s house, over against the
king’s house; and the king sat upon his
royal throne in the royal house, over
against the entrance of the house. [2]And
it was so, when the king saw Esther
the queen standing in the court, that
she obtained favour in his sight; and
the king held out to Esther the golden
sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther
drew near, and touched the top of the
sceptre. [3]Then said the king unto her:
‘What wilt thou, queen Esther? for
whatever thy request, even to the half
of the kingdom, it shall be given thee.’
[4]And Esther said: ‘If it seem good unto
the king, let the king and Haman come
this day unto the banquet that I have
prepared for him.’ [5]Then the king said:
‘Cause Haman to make haste, that it
may be done as Esther hath said.’ So
the king and Haman came to the
banquet that Esther had prepared. [6]And
the king said unto Esther at the
banquet of wine: ‘Whatever thy
petition, it shall be granted thee; and
whatever thy request, even to the half
of the kingdom, it shall be performed.’
[7]Then answered Esther, and said: ‘My
petition and my request is— [8]if I have
found favour in the sight of the king,
and if it please the king to grant my
petition, and to perform my request—
let the king and Haman come to the
banquet that I shall prepare for them,
and I will do to-morrow as the king
hath said.’

[9]Then went Haman forth that day
joyful and glad of heart; but when
Haman saw Mordecai in the king’s
gate, that he stood not up, nor moved
for him, Haman was filled with wrath
against Mordecai. [10]Nevertheless
Haman refrained himself, and went
home; and he sent and fetched his
friends and Zeresh his wife. [11]And
Haman recounted unto them the glory
of his riches, and the multitude of his
children, and everything as to how the
king had promoted him, and how he
had advanced him above the princes
and servants of the king. [12]Haman said
moreover: ‘Yea, Esther the queen did

let no man come in with the king unto
the banquet that she had prepared but
myself; and to-morrow also am I
invited by her together with the king.
13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so
long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting
at the king’s gate.’ 14 Then said Zeresh
his wife and all his friends unto him:
‘Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits
high, and in the morning speak thou
unto the king that Mordecai may be
hanged thereon; then go thou in
merrily with the king unto the
banquet.’ And the thing pleased
Haman; and he caused the gallows to
be made.

6 On that night could not the king
sleep; and he commanded to bring
the book of records of the chronicles,
and they were read before the king.
2 And it was found written, that
Mordecai had told of Bigthana and
Teresh, two of the king’s
chamberlains, of those that kept the
door, who had sought to lay hands on
the king Ahasuerus. 3 And the king
said: ‘What honour and dignity hath
been done to Mordecai for this?’ Then
said the king’s servants that ministered
unto him: ‘There is nothing done for
him.’ 4 And the king said: ‘Who is in
the court?’—Now Haman was come
into the outer court of the king’s
house, to speak unto the king to hang
Mordecai on the gallows that he had
prepared for him.— 5 And the king’s
servants said unto him: ‘Behold,
Haman standeth in the court.’ And the
king said: ‘Let him come in.’ 6 So
Haman came in. And the king said
unto him: ‘What shall be done unto the
man whom the king delighteth to
honour?’—Now Haman said in his
heart: ‘Whom would the king delight
to honour besides myself?’—7 And
Haman said unto the king: ‘For the
man whom the king delighteth to
honour, 8 let royal apparel be brought
which the king useth to wear, and the
horse that the king rideth upon, and on
whose head a crown royal is set; 9 and
let the apparel and the horse be
delivered to the hand of one of the
king’s most noble princes, that they
may array the man therewith whom
the king delighteth to honour, and
cause him to ride on horseback
through the street of the city, and
proclaim before him: Thus shall it be
done to the man whom the king
delighteth to honour.’ 10 Then the king
said to Haman: ‘Make haste, and take
the apparel and the horse, as thou hast
said, and do even so to Mordecai the
Jew, that sitteth at the king’s gate; let
nothing fail of all that thou hast
spoken.’ 11 Then took Haman the
apparel and the horse, and arrayed
Mordecai, and caused him to ride
through the street of the city, and
proclaimed before him: ‘Thus shall it
be done unto the man whom the king
delighteth to honour.’

12 And Mordecai returned to the
king’s gate. But Haman hasted to his
house, mourning and having his head
covered. 13 And Haman recounted unto
Zeresh his wife and all his friends

every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him: ‘If Mordecai, before whom thou hast begun to fall, be of the seed of the Jews, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him.’ 14 While they were yet talking with him, came the king’s chamberlains, and hastened to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7 So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. 2 And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine: ‘Whatever thy petition, queen Esther, it shall be granted thee; and whatever thy request, even to the half of the kingdom, it shall be performed.’ 3 Then Esther the queen answered and said: ‘If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request; 4 for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my peace, for the adversary is not worthy that the king be endamaged.’

5 Then spoke the king Ahasuerus and said unto Esther the queen: ‘Who is he, and where is he, that durst presume in his heart to do so?’ 6 And Esther said: ‘An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman.’ Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. 7 And the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman remained to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. 8 Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king: ‘Will he even force the queen before me in the house?’ As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face. 9 Then said Harbonah, one of the chamberlains that were before the king: ‘Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman hath made for Mordecai, who spoke good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman.’ And the king said: ‘Hang him thereon.’ 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king’s wrath assuaged.

8 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews’enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her. 2 And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

3 And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised

against the Jews. 4Then the king held
out to Esther the golden sceptre. So
Esther arose, and stood before the
king. 5And she said: ‘If it please the
king, and if I have found favour in his
sight, and the thing seem right before
the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes,
let it be written to reverse the letters
devised by Haman the son of
Hammedatha the Agagite, which he
wrote to destroy the Jews that are in all
the king’s provinces; 6for how can I
endure to see the evil that shall come
unto my people? or how can I endure
to see the destruction of my kindred?’

7Then the king Ahasuerus said unto
Esther the queen and to Mordecai the
Jew: ‘Behold, I have given Esther the
house of Haman, and him they have
hanged upon the gallows, because he
laid his hand upon the Jews. 8Write ye
also concerning the Jews, as it liketh
you, in the king’s name, and seal it
with the king’s ring; for the writing
which is written in the king’s name,
and sealed with the king’s ring, may
no man reverse.’ 9Then were the
king’s scribes called at that time, in the
third month, which is the month Sivan,
on the three and twentieth day thereof;
and it was written according to all that
Mordecai commanded concerning the
Jews, even to the satraps, and the
governors and princes of the provinces
which are from India unto Ethiopia, a
hundred twenty and seven provinces,
unto every province according to the
writing thereof, and unto every people
after their language, and to the Jews
according to their writing, and
according to their language. 10And
they wrote in the name of king
Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the
king’s ring, and sent letters by posts on
horseback, riding on swift steeds that
were used in the king’s service, bred
of the stud; 11that the king had granted
the Jews that were in every city to
gather themselves together, and to
stand for their life, to destroy, and to
slay, and to cause to perish, all the
forces of the people and province that
would assault them, their little ones
and women, and to take the spoil of
them for a prey, 12upon one day in all
the provinces of king Ahasuerus,
namely, upon the thirteenth day of the
twelfth month, which is the month
Adar. 13The copy of the writing, to be
given out for a decree in every
province, was to be published unto all
the peoples, and that the Jews should
be ready against that day to avenge
themselves on their enemies. 14So the
posts that rode upon swift steeds that
were used in the king’s service went
out, being hastened and pressed on by
the king’s commandment; and the
decree was given out in Shushan the
castle.

15And Mordecai went forth from the
presence of the king in royal apparel of
blue and white, and with a great crown
of gold, and with a rob of fine linen
and purple; and the city of Shushan
shouted and was glad. 16The Jews had
light and gladness, and joy and
honour. 17And in every province, and

in every city, whithersoever the king’s
commandment and his decree came,
the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast
and a good day. And many from
among the peoples of the land became
Jews; for the fear of the Jews was
fallen upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, which
is the month Adar, on the
thirteenth day of the same, when the
king’s commandment and his decree
drew near to be put in execution, in the
day that the enemies of the Jews hoped
to have rule over them; whereas it was
turned to the contrary, that the Jews
had rule over them that hated them;
2 the Jews gathered themselves together
in their cities throughout all the
provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay
hand on such as sought their hurt; and
no man could withstand them; for the
fear of them was fallen upon all the
peoples. 3 And all the princes of the
provinces, and the satraps, and the
governors, and they that did the king’s
business, helped the Jews; because the
fear of Mordecai was fallen upon
them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the
king’s house, and his fame went forth
throughout all the provinces; for the
man Mordecai waxed greater and
greater. 5 And the Jews smote all their
enemies with the stroke of the sword,
and with slaughter and destruction,
and did what they would unto them
that hated them. 6 And in Shushan the
castle the Jews slew and destroyed five
hundred men. 7 And Parshandatha, and
Dalphon, and Aspatha, 8 and Poratha,
and Adalia, and Aridatha, 9 and
Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and
Vaizatha, 10 the ten sons of Haman the
son of Hammedatha, the Jews’enemy,
slew they; but on the spoil they laid
not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those
that were slain in Shushan the castle
was brought before the king. 12 And the
king said unto Esther the queen: ‘The
Jews have slain and destroyed five
hundred men in Shushan the castle,
and the ten sons of Haman; what then
have they done in the rest of the king’s
provinces! Now whatever thy petition,
it shall be granted thee; and whatever
thy request further, it shall be done.’
13 Then said Esther: ‘If it please the
king, let it be granted to the Jews that
are in Shushan to do to-morrow also
according unto this day’s decree, and
let Haman’s ten sons be hanged upon
the gallows.’ 14 And the king
commanded it so to be done; and a
decree was given out in Shushan; and
they hanged Haman’s ten sons. 15 And
the Jews that were in Shushan
gathered themselves together on the
fourteenth day also of the month Adar,
and slew three hundred men in
Shushan; but on the spoil they laid not
their hand.

16 And the other Jews that were in
the king’s provinces gathered
themselves together, and stood for
their lives, and had rest from their
enemies, and slew of them that hated
them seventy and five thousand—but
on the spoil they laid not their hand—

[17]on the thirteenth day of the month
Adar, and on the fourteenth day of the
same they rested, and made it a day of
feasting and gladness. [18]But the Jews
that were in Shushan assembled
together on the thirteenth day thereof,
and on the fourteenth thereof; and on
the fifteenth day of the same they
rested, and made it a day of feasting
and gladness. [19]Therefore do the Jews
of the villages, that dwell in the
unwalled towns, make the fourteenth
day of the month Adar a day of
gladness and feasting, and a good day,
and of sending portions one to another.

[20]And Mordecai wrote these things,
and sent letters unto all the Jews that
were in all the provinces of the king
Ahasuerus, both nigh and far, [21]to
enjoin them that they should keep the
fourteenth day of the month Adar, and
the fifteenth day of the same, yearly,
[22]the days wherein the Jews had rest
from their enemies, and the month
which was turned unto them from
sorrow to gladness, and from
mourning into a good day; that they
should make them days of feasting and
gladness, and of sending portions one
to another, and gifts to the poor. [23]And
the Jews took upon them to do as they
had begun, and as Mordecai had
written unto them; [24]because Haman
the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite,
the enemy of all the Jews, had devised
against the Jews to destroy them, and
had cast pur, that is, the lot, to
discomfit them, and to destroy them;
[25]but when [a]she came before the king,
he commanded by letters that his
wicked device, which he had devised
against the Jews, should return upon
his own head; and that he and his sons
should be hanged on the gallows.
[26]Wherefore they called these days
Purim, after the name of pur.
Therefore because of all the words of
this letter, and of that which they had
seen concerning this matter, and that
which had come unto them, [27]the Jews
ordained, and took upon them, and
upon their seed, and upon all such as
joined themselves unto them, so as it
should not fail, that they would keep
these two days according to the
writing thereof, and according to the
appointed time thereof, every year;
[28]and that these days should be
remembered and kept throughout
every generation, every family, every
province, and every city; and that these
days of Purim should not fail from
among the Jews, nor the memorial of
them perish from their seed.

[29]Then Esther the queen, the
daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the
Jew, wrote down all the acts of power,
to confirm this second letter of Purim.
[30]And he sent letters unto all the Jews,
to the hundred twenty and seven
provinces of the kingdom of
Ahasuerus, with words of peace and
truth, [31]to confirm these days of Purim
in their appointed times, according as
Mordecai the Jew and Esther the

[a] That is, *Esther*.

queen had enjoined them, and as they
had ordained for themselves and for
their seed, the matters of the fastings
and their cry. 32 And the commandment
of Esther confirmed these matters of
Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 And the king Ahasuerus laid a
tribute upon the land, and
upon the isles of the sea. 2 And all the
acts of his power and of his might, and
the full account of the greatness of
Mordecai, how the king advanced him,
are they not written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Media and
Persia? 3 For Mordecai the Jew was
next unto king Ahasuerus, and great
among the Jews, and accepted of the
multitude of his brethren; seeking the
good of his people and speaking peace
to all his seed.

# דניאל
# DANIEL

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god, and the vessels he brought into the treasure-house of his god. 3 And the king spoke unto Ashpenaz his chief officer, that he should bring in certain of the children of Israel, and of the seed royal, and of the nobles, 4 youths in whom was no blemish, but fair to look on, and skilful in all wisdom, and skilful in knowledge, and discerning in thought, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's food, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. 6 Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7 And the chief of the officers gave names unto them: unto Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the officers that he might not defile himself. 9 And God granted Daniel mercy and compassion in the sight of the chief of the officers. 10 And the chief of the officers said unto Daniel: 'I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your food and your drink; for why should he see your faces sad in comparison with the youths that are of your own age? so would ye endanger my head with the king.' 11 Then said Daniel to the steward, whom the chief of the officers had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 12 'Try thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 13 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the youths that eat of the king's food; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.' 14 So he hearkened unto them in this matter, and tried them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths that did eat of the king's food. 16 So the steward took away their food, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse.

17 Now as for these four youths, God

gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. [18]And at the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the chief of the officers brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. [19]And the king spoke with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; therefore stood they before the king. [20]And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm. [21]And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

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And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep broke from him. [2]Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. [3]And the king said unto them: ‘I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.’ [4]Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in Aramaic: ‘O king, live for ever! tell thy servants the dream, and we will declare the interpretation.’ [5]The king answered and said to the Chaldeans: ‘The thing is certain with me; if ye make not known unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. [6]But if ye declare the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour; only declare unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof.’ [7]They answered the second time and said: ‘Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will declare the interpretation.’ [8]The king answered and said: ‘I know of a truth that ye would gain time, inasmuch as ye see the thing is certain with me, [9]that, if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you; and ye have agreed together to speak before me lying and corrupt words, till the time be changed; only tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can declare unto me the interpretation thereof.’ [10]The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said: ‘There is not a man upon the earth that can declare the king’s matter; forasmuch as no great and powerful king hath asked such a thing of any magician, or enchanter, or Chaldean. [11]And it is a hard thing that the king asketh, and there is none other that can declare it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh.’ [12]For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. [13]So the decree went forth, and the wise men were to be slain; and they sought Daniel and his companions to be slain.

[14]Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and discretion to Arioch the

captain of the king’s guard, who was
gone forth to slay the wise men of
Babylon; 15he answered and said to
Arioch the king’s captain: ‘Wherefore
is the decree so peremptory from the
king?’ Then Arioch made the thing
known to Daniel. 16Then Daniel went
in, and desired of the king that he
would give him time, that he might
declare unto the king the
interpretation.

17Then Daniel went to his house,
and made the thing known to
Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his
companions; 18that they might ask
mercy of the God of heaven
concerning this secret; that Daniel and
his companions should not perish with
the rest of the wise men of Babylon.
19Then was the secret revealed unto
Daniel in a vision of the night. Then
Daniel blessed the God of heaven.
20Daniel spoke and said:

Blessed be the name of God
From everlasting even unto
everlasting;
For wisdom and might are His;
21And He changeth the times and the
seasons;
He removeth kings, and setteth up
kings;
He giveth wisdom unto the wise,
And knowledge to them that know
understanding;
22He revealeth the deep and secret
things;
He knoweth what is in the darkness,
And the light dwelleth with Him.
23I thank Thee, and praise Thee,
O Thou God of my fathers, w
Who hast given me wisdom and
might,
And hast now made known unto me
what we desired of Thee;
For Thou hast made known unto us
the king’s matter.

24Therefore Daniel went in unto
Arioch, whom the king had appointed
to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he
went and said thus unto him: ‘Destroy
not the wise men of Babylon; bring me
in before the king, and I will declare
unto the king the interpretation.’

25Then Arioch brought in Daniel
before the king in haste, and said thus
unto him: ‘I have found a man of the
children of the captivity of Judah, that
will make known unto the king the
interpretation.’ 26The king spoke and
said to Daniel, whose name was
Belteshazzar: ‘Art thou able to make
known unto me the dream which I
have seen, and the interpretation
thereof?’ 27Daniel answered before the
king, and said: ‘The secret which the
king hath asked can neither wise men,
enchanters, magicians, nor astrologers,
declare unto the king; 28but there is a
God in heaven that revealeth secrets,
and He hath made known to the king
Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the
end of days. Thy dream, and the
visions of thy head upon thy bed, are
these: 29as for thee, O king, thy
thoughts came [into thy mind] upon
thy bed, what should come to pass
hereafter; and He that revealeth secrets
hath made known to thee what shall

come to pass. 30 But as for me, this
secret is not revealed to me for any
wisdom that I have more than any
living, but to the intent that the
interpretation may be made known to
the king, and that thou mayest know
the thoughts of thy heart.

31 Thou, O king, sawest, and behold
a great image. This image, which was
mighty, and whose brightness was
surpassing, stood before thee; and the
appearance thereof was terrible. 32 As
for that image, its head was of fine
gold, its breast and its arms of silver,
its belly and its thighs of brass, 33 its
legs of iron, its feet part of iron and
part of clay. 34 Thou sawest till that a
stone was cut out without hands,
which smote the image upon its feet
that were of iron and clay, and broke
them to pieces. 35 Then was the iron,
the clay, the brass, the silver, and the
gold, broken in pieces together, and
became like the chaff of the summer
threshing-floors; and the wind carried
them away, so that no place was found
for them; and the stone that smote the
image became a great mountain, and
filled the whole earth. 36 This is the
dream; and we will tell the
interpretation thereof before the king.

37 Thou, O king, king of kings, unto
whom the God of heaven hath given
the kingdom, the power, and the
strength, and the glory; 38 and
wheresoever the children of men, the
beasts of the field, and the fowls of the
heaven dwell, hath He given them into
thy hand, and hath made thee to rule
over them all; thou art the head of
gold. 39 And after thee shall arise
another kingdom inferior to thee; and
another third kingdom of brass, which
shall bear rule over all the earth. 40 And
the fourth kingdom shall be strong as
iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in
pieces and beateth down all things;
and as iron that crusheth all these,
shall it break in pieces and crush.
41 And whereas thou sawest the feet
and toes, part of potters'clay, and part
of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom;
but there shall be in it of the firmness
of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest
the iron mixed with miry clay. 42 And
as the toes of the feet were part of iron,
and part of clay, so part of the
kingdom shall be strong, and part
thereof broken. 43 And whereas thou
sawest the iron mixed with miry clay,
they shall mingle themselves by the
seed of men; but they shall not cleave
one to another, even as iron doth not
mingle with clay. 44 And in the days of
those kings shall the God of heaven set
up a kingdom, which shall never be
destroyed; nor shall the kingdom be
left to another people; it shall break in
pieces and consume all these
kingdoms, but it shall stand for ever.
45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that a
stone was cut out of the mountain
without hands, and that it broke in
pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the
silver, and the gold; the great God hath
made known to the king what shall
come to pass hereafter; and the dream
is certain, and the interpretation

thereof sure.’ 46Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and sweet odours unto him. 47The king spoke unto Daniel, and said: ‘Of a truth it is, that your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou hast been able to reveal this secret.’ 48Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon. 49And Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon; but Daniel was in the gate of the king.

3 Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits; he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up. 3Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 4And the herald cried aloud: ‘To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, 5that at what time ye hear the sound of the horn, pipe, harp, trigon, psaltery, bagpipe, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up; 6and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.’ 7Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, harp, trigon, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.

8Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. 9They spoke and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king: ‘O king, live for ever! 10Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the horn, pipe, harp, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; 11and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they

serve not thy gods, nor worship the
golden image which thou hast set up.'

13Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage
and fury commanded to bring
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.
Then were these men brought before
the king. 14Nebuchadnezzar spoke and
said unto them: 'Is it true, O Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye
serve not my gods, nor worship the
golden image which I have set up?
15Now if ye be ready that at what time
ye hear the sound of the horn, pipe,
harp, trigon, psaltery, and bagpipe, and
all kinds of music, ye fall down and
worship the image which I have made
, well; but if ye worship not, ye shall
be cast the same hour into the midst of
a burning fiery furnace; and who is the
god that shall deliver you out of my
hands?' 16Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed-nego, answered and said to the
king: 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no
need to answer thee in this matter. 17If
our God whom we serve is able to
deliver us, He will deliver us from the
burning fiery furnace, and out of thy
hand, O king. 18But if not, be it known
unto thee, O king, that we will not
serve thy gods, nor worship the golden
image which thou hast set up.'

19Then was Nebuchadnezzar filled
with fury, and the form of his visage
was changed, against Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-nego; he spoke,
and commanded that they should heat
the furnace seven times more than it
was wont to be heated. 20And he
commanded certain mighty men that
were in his army to bind Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast
them into the burning fiery furnace.
21Then these men were bound in their
cloaks, their tunics, and their robes,
and their other garments, and were cast
into the midst of the burning fiery
furnace. 22Therefore because the
king's commandment was peremptory,
and the furnace exceeding hot, the
flame of the fire slew those men that
took up Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed-nego. 23And these three men,
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,
fell down bound into the midst of the
burning fiery furnace.

24Then Nebuchadnezzar the king
was alarmed, and rose up in haste; he
spoke and said unto his ministers: 'Did
not we cast three men bound into the
midst of the fire?' They answered and
said unto the king: 'True, O king.'
25He answered and said: 'Lo, I see four
men loose, walking in the midst of the
fire, and they have no hurt; and the
appearance of the fourth is like a son
of the gods.'

26Then Nebuchadnezzar came near
to the mouth of the burning fiery
furnace; he spoke and said: 'Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants
of God Most High, come forth, and
come hither.' Then Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth
out of the midst of the fire. 27And the
satraps, the prefects, and the
governors, and the king's ministers,
being gathered together, saw these
men, that the fire had no power upon

their bodies, nor was the hair of their
head singed, neither were their cloaks
changed, nor had the smell of fire
passed on them. [28]Nebuchadnezzar
spoke and said: 'Blessed be the God of
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,
who hath sent His angel, and delivered
His servants that trusted in Him, and
have changed the king's word, and
have yielded their bodies, that they
might not serve nor worship any god,
except their own God. [29]Therefore I
make a decree, that every people,
nation, and language, which speak any
thing amiss against the God of
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,
shall be cut in pieces, and their houses
shall be made a dunghill; because
there is no other god that is able to
deliver after this sort.' [30]Then the king
promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and
Abed-nego, in the province of
Babylon.

[31]'Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all
peoples, nations, and languages, that
dwell in all the earth; peace be
multiplied unto you. [32]It hath seemed
good unto me to declare the signs and
wonders that God Most High hath
wrought toward me.

[33]How great are His signs!
And how mighty are His wonders!
His kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom,
And His dominion is from
generation to generation.

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in
my house, and flourishing in my
palace. [2]I saw a dream which made
me afraid; and imaginings upon my
bed and the visions of my head
affrighted me. [3]Therefore made I a
decree to bring in all the wise men of
Babylon before me, that they might
make known unto me the
interpretation of the dream. [4]Then
came in the magicians, the enchanters,
the Chaldeans, and the astrologers; and
I told the dream before them; but they
did not make known unto me the
interpretation thereof. [5]But at the last
Daniel came in before me, whose
name was Belteshazzar, according to
the name of my god, and in whom is
the spirit of the holy gods; and I told
the dream before him: [6]O
Belteshazzar, master of the magicians,
because I know that the spirit of the
holy gods is in thee, and no secret
causeth thee trouble, tell me the
visions of my dream that I have seen,
and the interpretation thereof. [7]Thus
were the visions of my head upon my
bed: I saw,

And behold a tree in the midst of the
earth,
And the height thereof was great.
[8]The tree grew, and was strong,
And the height thereof reached unto
heaven,
And the sight thereof to the end of
all the earth.
[9]The leaves thereof were fair, and
the fruit thereof much,
And in it was food for all;
The beasts of the field had shadow
under it,

And the fowls of the heaven dwelt
in the branches thereof,
And all flesh was fed of it.
[10]I saw in the visions of my head upon
my bed, and, behold, a watcher and a
holy one came down from heaven.
[11]He cried aloud, and said thus:
Hew down the tree, and cut off its
branches,
Shake off its leaves, and scatter its
fruit;
Let the beasts get away from under
it,
And the fowls from its branches.
[12]Nevertheless leave the stump of its
roots in the earth,
Even in a band of iron and brass, in
the tender grass of the field;
And let it be wet with the dew of
heaven,
And let his portion be with the
beasts in the grass of the earth;
[13]Let his heart be changed from
man’s,
And let a beast’s heart be given unto
him;
And let seven times pass over him.
[14]The matter is by the decree of the
watchers,
And the sentence by the word of the
holy ones;
To the intent that the living may
know
That the Most High ruleth in the
kingdom of men,
And giveth it to whomsoever He
will,
And setteth up over it the lowest of
men.

[15]This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar
have seen; and thou, O Belteshazzar,
declare the interpretation, forasmuch
as all the wise men of my kingdom are
not able to make known unto me the
interpretation; but thou art able, for the
spirit of the holy gods is in thee.’

[16]Then Daniel, whose name was
Belteshazzar, was appalled for a while,
and his thoughts affrighted him. The
king spoke and said: ‘Belteshazzar, let
not the dream, or the interpretation,
affright thee.’ Belteshazzar answered
and said: ‘My lord, the dream be to
them that hate thee, and the
interpretation thereof to thine
adversaries. [17]The tree that thou
sawest, which grew, and was strong,
whose height reached unto the heaven,
and the sight thereof to all the earth;
[18]whose leaves were fair, and the fruit
thereof much, and in it was food for
all; under which the beasts of the field
dwelt, and upon whose branches the
fowls of the heaven had their
habitation; [19]it is thou, O king, that art
grown and become strong; for thy
greatness is grown, and reacheth unto
heaven, and thy dominion to the end of
the earth. [20]And whereas the king saw
a watcher and a holy one coming down
from heaven, and saying: Hew down
the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless
leave the stump of the roots thereof in
the earth, even in a band of iron and
brass, in the tender grass of the field;
and let it be wet with the dew of
heaven, and let his portion be with the

beasts of the field, till seven times pass
over him—21this is the interpretation,
O king, and it is the decree of the Most
High, which is come upon my lord the
king, 22that thou shalt be driven from
men, and thy dwelling shall be with
the beasts of the field, and thou shalt
be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt
be wet with the dew of heaven, and
seven times shall pass over thee; till
thou know that the Most High ruleth in
the kingdom of men, and giveth it to
whomsoever He will. 23And whereas it
was commanded to leave the stump of
the roots of the tree, thy kingdom shall
be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt
have known that the heavens do rule.
24Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be
acceptable unto thee, and break off thy
sins by almsgiving, and thine iniquities
by showing mercy to the poor; if there
may be a lengthening of thy
prosperity.'
25All this came upon the king
Nebuchadnezzar. 26At the end of
twelve months he was walking upon
the royal palace of Babylon. 27The
king spoke, and said: 'Is not this great
Babylon, which I have built for a royal
dwelling-place, by the might of my
power and for the glory of my
majesty?' 28While the word was in the
king's mouth, there fell a voice from
heaven: 'O king Nebuchadnezzar, to
thee it is spoken: the kingdom is
departed from thee. 29And thou shalt
be driven from men, and thy dwelling
shall be with the beasts of the field;
thou shalt be made to eat grass as
oxen, and seven times shall pass over
thee; until thou know that the Most
High ruleth in the kingdom of men,
and giveth it to whomsoever He will.'
30The same hour was the thing fulfilled
upon Nebuchadnezzar; and he was
driven from men, and did eat grass as
oxen, and his body was wet with the
dew of heaven, till his hair was grown
like eagles' feathers, and his nails like
birds' claws.

31'And at the end of the days I
Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes
unto heaven, and mine understanding
returned unto me, and I blessed the
Most High, and I praised and honoured
Him that liveth for ever;

For His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
And His kingdom from generation to generation;
32And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;
And He doeth according to His will in the host of heaven,
And among the inhabitants of the earth;
And none can stay His hand,
Or say unto Him: What doest Thou?

33At the same time mine understanding
returned unto me; and for the glory of
my kingdom, my majesty and my
splendour returned unto me; and my
ministers and my lords sought unto
me; and I was established in my
kingdom, and surpassing greatness
was added unto me. 34Now I
Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and

honour the King of heaven; for all His
works are truth, and His ways justice;
and those that walk in pride He is able
to abase.'

5 Belshazzar the king made a
great feast to a thousand of his
lords, and drank wine before the
thousand. 2Belshazzar, while he tasted
the wine, commanded to bring the
golden and silver vessels which
Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken
out of the temple which was in
Jerusalem; that the king and his lords,
his consorts and his concubines, might
drink therein. 3Then they brought the
golden vessels that were taken out of
the temple of the house of God which
was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his
lords, his consorts and his concubines,
drank in them. 4They drank wine, and
praised the gods of gold, and of silver,
of brass, of iron, of wood, and of
stone. 5In the same hour came forth
fingers of a man's hand, and wrote
over against the candlestick upon the
plaster of the wall of the king's palace;
and the king saw the palm of the hand
that wrote. 6Then the king's
countenance was changed in him, and
his thoughts affrighted him; and the
joints of his loins were loosed, and his
knees smote one against another. 7The
king cried aloud to bring in the
enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the
astrologers. The king spoke and said to
the wise men of Babylon: 'Whosoever
shall read this writing, and declare
unto me the interpretation thereof,
shall be clothed with purple, and have
a chain of gold about his neck, and
shall rule as one of three in the
kingdom.'

8Then came in all the king's wise
men: but they could not read the
writing, nor make known to the king
the interpretation. 9Then was king
Belshazzar greatly affrighted, and his
countenance was changed in him, and
his lords were perplexed. 10Now the
queen by reason of the words of the
king and his lords came into the
banquet house; the queen spoke and
said: 'O king, live for ever! let not thy
thoughts affright thee, nor let thy
countenance be changed; 11there is a
man in thy kingdom, in whom is the
spirit of the holy gods; and in the days
of thy father light and understanding
and wisdom, like the wisdom of the
gods, was found in him; and the king
Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I
say, thy father, made him master of the
magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and
astrologers; 12forasmuch as a
surpassing spirit, and knowledge, and
understanding, interpreting of dreams,
and declaring of riddles, and loosing of
knots, were found in the same Daniel,
whom the king named Belteshazzar.
Now let Daniel be called, and he will
declare the interpretation.'

13Then was Daniel brought in before
the king. The king spoke and said unto
Daniel: 'Art thou Daniel, who is of the
children of the captivity of Judah,
whom the king my father brought out
of Judah? 14I have heard of thee, that

the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and surpassing wisdom is found in thee. [15]And now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof; but they could not declare the interpretation of the thing. [16]But I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and loose knots; now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt rule as one of three in the kingdom.'

[17]Then Daniel answered and said before the king: 'Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. [18]O thou king, God Most High gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty; [19]and because of the greatness that He gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would he put down. [20]But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and his glory was taken from him; [21]and he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he knew that God Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that He setteth up over it whomsoever He will. [22]And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all this; [23]but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of His house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy consorts and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified; [24]then was the palm of the hand sent from before Him, and this writing was inscribed. [25]And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN. [26]This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE, God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to an end. [27]TEKEL, Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. [28]PERES, thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.' [29]Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should rule as one of three in the kingdom. [30]In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was slain.

6 And Darius the Mede received the
kingdom, being about threescore
and two years old. 2It pleased Darius to
set over the kingdom a hundred and
twenty satraps, who should be
throughout the whole kingdom; 3and
over them three presidents, of whom
Daniel was one; that these satraps
might give account unto them, and that
the king should have no damage.
4Then this Daniel distinguished
himself above the presidents and the
satraps, because a surpassing spirit
was in him; and the king thought to set
him over the whole realm.

5Then the presidents and the satraps
sought to find occasion against Daniel
as touching the kingdom; but they
could find no occasion nor fault;
forasmuch as he was faithful, neither
was there any error or fault found in
him. 6Then said these men: ‘We shall
not find any occasion against this
Daniel, except we find it against him
in the matter of the law of his God.’
7Then these presidents and satraps
came tumultuously to the king, and
said thus unto him: ‘King Darius, live
for ever! 8All the presidents of the
kingdom, the prefects and the satraps,
the ministers and the governors, have
consulted together that the king should
establish a statute, and make a strong
interdict, that whosoever shall ask a
petition of any god or man for thirty
days, save of thee, O king, he shall be
cast into the den of lions. 9Now, O
king, establish the interdict, and sign
the writing, that it be not changed,
according to the law of the Medes and
Persians, which altereth not.’
10Wherefore king Darius signed the
writing and the interdict.

11And when Daniel knew that the
writing was signed, he went into his
house—now his windows were open
in his upper chamber toward
Jerusalem—and he kneeled upon his
knees three times a day, and prayed,
and gave thanks before his God, as he
did aforetime. 12Then these men came
tumultuously, and found Daniel
making petition and supplication
before his God. 13Then they came near,
and spoke before the king concerning
the king’s interdict: ‘Hast thou not
signed an interdict, that every man that
shall make petition unto any god or
man within thirty days, save of thee, O
king, shall be cast into the den of
lions?’ The king answered and said:
‘The thing is true, according to the law
of the Medes and Persians, which
altereth not.’ 14Then answered they
and said before the king: ‘That Daniel,
who is of the children of the captivity
of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king,
nor the interdict that thou hast signed,
but maketh his petition three times a
day.’ 15Then the king, when he heard
these words, was sore displeased, and
set his heart on Daniel to deliver him;
and he laboured till the going down of
the sun to deliver him. 16Then these
men came tumultuously unto the king,
and said unto the king: ‘Know, O king,
that it is a law of the Medes and
Persians, that no interdict nor statute

which the king establisheth may be
changed.' [17]Then the king
commanded, and they brought Daniel,
and cast him into the den of lions.
Now the king spoke and said unto
Daniel: 'Thy God whom thou servest
continually, He will deliver thee.'
[18]And a stone was brought, and laid
upon the mouth of the den; and the
king sealed it with his own signet, and
with the signet of his lords; that
nothing might be changed concerning
Daniel.

[19]Then the king went to his palace,
and passed the night fasting; neither
were diversions brought before him;
and his sleep fled from him. [20]Then
the king arose very early in the
morning, and went in haste unto the
den of lions. [21]And when he came near
unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a
pained voice; the king spoke and said
to Daniel: 'O Daniel, servant of the
living God, is thy God, whom thou
servest continually, able to deliver thee
from the lions?' [22]Then said Daniel
unto the king: 'O king, live for ever!
[23]My God hath sent His angel, and
hath shut the lions'mouths, and they
have not hurt me; forasmuch as before
Him innocency was found in me; and
also before thee, O king, have I done
no hurt.' [24]Then was the king
exceeding glad, and commanded that
they should take Daniel up out of the
den. So Daniel was taken up out of the
den, and no manner of hurt was found
upon him, because he had trusted in
his God. [25]And the king commanded,
and they brought those men that had
accused Daniel, and they cast them
into the den of lions, them, their
children, and their wives; and they had
not come to the bottom of the den,
when the lions had the mastery of
them, and broke all their bones in
pieces.

[26]Then king Darius wrote unto all
the peoples, nations, and languages,
that dwell in all the earth: 'Peace be
multiplied unto you. [27]I make a decree,
that in all the dominion of my
kingdom men tremble and fear before
the God of Daniel;

For He is the living God,
And stedfast for ever,
And His kingdom that which shall
not be destroyed,
And His dominion shall be even
unto the end;
[28]He delivereth and rescueth,
And He worketh signs and wonders
In heaven and in earth;
Who hath delivered Daniel from the
power of the lions.'

[29]So this Daniel prospered in the reign
of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the
Persian.

7 In the first year of Belshazzar
king of Babylon Daniel had a
dream and visions of his head upon his
bed; then he wrote the dream and told
the sum of the matters. [2]Daniel spoke
and said: I saw in my vision by night,
and, behold, the four winds of the
heaven broke forth upon the great sea.
[3]And four great beasts came up from

the sea, diverse one from another. 4The
first was like a lion, and had eagle's
wings; I beheld till the wings thereof
were plucked off, and it was lifted up
from the earth, and made stand upon
two feet as a man, and a man's heart
was given to it. 5And behold another
beast, a second, like to a bear, and it
raised up itself on one side, and it had
three ribs in its mouth between its
teeth; and it was said thus unto it:
'Arise, devour much flesh.' 6After this
I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard,
which had upon the sides of it four
wings of a fowl; the beast had also
four heads; and dominion was given to
it. 7After this I saw in the night visions,
and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and
terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it
had great iron teeth; it devoured and
broke in pieces, and stamped the
residue with its feet; and it was diverse
from all the beasts that were before it;
and it had ten horns. 8I considered the
horns, and, behold, there came up
among them another horn, a little one,
before which three of the first horns
were plucked up by the roots; and,
behold, in this horn were eyes like the
eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking
great things. 9I beheld

Till thrones were placed,
And one that was ancient of days
did sit:
His raiment was as white snow,
And the hair of his head like pure
wool;
His throne was fiery flames, and the
wheels thereof burning fire.

10A fiery stream issued
And came forth from before him;
thousand thousands ministered
unto him,
And ten thousand times ten
thousand stood before him;
The judgment was set,
And the books were opened.

11I beheld at that time because of the
voice of the great words which the
horn spoke, I beheld even till the beast
was slain, and its body destroyed, and
it was given to be burned with fire.
12And as for the rest of the beasts, their
dominion was taken away; yet their
lives were prolonged for a season and
a time.

13I saw in the night visions,
And, behold, there came with the
clouds of heaven
One like unto a son of man,
And he came even to the Ancient of
days,
And he was brought near before
Him.
14And there was given him
dominion,
And glory, and a kingdom,
That all the peoples, nations, and
languages
Should serve him;
His dominion is an everlasting
dominion, which shall not pass
away,
And his kingdom that which shall
not be destroyed.

15As for me Daniel, my spirit was
pained in the midst of my body, and
the visions of my head affrighted me.

[16]I came near unto one of them that
stood by, and asked him the truth
concerning all this. So he told me, and
made me know the interpretation of
the things: [17]'These great beasts, which
are four, are four kings, that shall arise
out of the earth. [18]But the saints of the
Most High shall receive the kingdom,
and possess the kingdom for ever,
even for ever and ever.' [19]Then I
desired to know the truth concerning
the fourth beast, which was diverse
from all of them, exceeding terrible,
whose teeth were of iron, and its nails
of brass; which devoured, brake in
pieces, and stamped the residue with
its feet; [20]and concerning the ten horns
that were on its head, and the other
horn which came up, and before which
three fell; even that horn that had eyes,
and a mouth that spoke great things,
whose appearance was greater than
that of its fellows. [21]I beheld, and the
same horn made war with the saints,
and prevailed against them; [22]until the
Ancient of days came, and judgment
was given for the saints of the Most
High; and the time came, and the
saints possessed the kingdom. [23]Thus
he said: 'The fourth beast shall be a
fourth kingdom upon earth, which
shall be diverse from all the kingdoms,
and shall devour the whole earth, and
shall tread it down, and break it in
pieces. [24]And as for the ten horns, out
of this kingdom shall ten kings arise;
and another shall arise after them; and
he shall be diverse from the former,
and he shall put down three kings.
[25]And he shall speak words against the
Most High, and shall wear out the
saints of the Most High; and he shall
think to change the seasons and the
law; and they shall be given into his
hand until a time and times and half a
time. [26]But the judgment shall sit, and
his dominions shall be taken away, to
be consumed and to be destroy unto
the end. [27]And the kingdom and the
dominion, and the greatness of the
kingdoms under the whole heaven,
shall be given to the people of the
saints of the Most High; their kingdom
is an everlasting kingdom, and all
dominions shall serve and obey them.'
[28]Here is the end of the matter. As for
me Daniel, my thoughts much
affrighted me, and my countenance
was changed in me; but I kept the
matter in my heart.

8 In the third year of the reign of
king Belshazzar a vision appeared
unto me, even unto me Daniel, after
that which appeared unto me at the
first. [2]And I saw in the vision; now it
was so, that when I saw, I was in
Shushan the castle, which is in the
province of Elam; and I saw in the
vision, and I was by the stream Ulai.
[3]And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw,
and, behold, there stood before the
stream a ram which had two horns;
and the two horns were high; but one
was higher than the other, and the
higher came up last. [4]I saw the ram
pushing westward, and northward, and
southward; and no beasts could stand
before him, neither was there any that

could deliver out of his hand; but he
did according to his will, and
magnified himself.

5And as I was considering, behold, a
he-goat came from the west over the
face of the whole earth, and touched
not the ground; and the goat had a
conspicuous horn between his eyes.
6And he came to the ram that had the
two horns, which I saw standing
before the stream, and ran at him in the
fury of his power. 7And I saw him
come close unto the ram, and he was
moved with choler against him, and
smote the ram, and broke his two
horns; and there was no power in the
ram to stand before him; but he cast
him down to the ground, and trampled
upon him; and there was none that
could deliver the ram out of his hand.
8And the he-goat magnified himself
exceedingly; and when he was strong,
the great horn was broken; and instead
of it there came up the appearance of
four horns toward the four winds of
heaven.

9And out of one of them came forth
a little horn, which waxed exceeding
great, toward the south, and toward the
east, and toward the beauteous land.
10And it waxed great, even to the host
of heaven; and some of the host and of
the stars it cast down to the ground,
and trampled upon them. 11Yea, it
magnified itself, even to the prince of
the host; and from him the continual
burnt-offering was taken away, and the
place of his sanctuary was cast down.
12And the host was given over to it
together with the continual burnt-
offering through transgression; and it
cast down truth to the ground, and it
wrought, and prospered. 13Then I
heard a holy one speaking; and another
holy one said unto that certain one
who spoke: ‘How long shall be the
vision concerning the continual burnt-
offering, and the transgression that
causes appalment, to give both the
sanctuary and the host to be trampled
under foot?’ 14And he said unto me:
‘Unto two thousand and three hundred
evenings and mornings; then shall the
sanctuary be victorious.’

15And it came to pass, when I, even
I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I
sought to understand it; and, behold,
there stood before me as the
appearance of a man. 16And I heard the
voice of a man between the banks of
Ulai, who called, and said: ‘Gabriel,
make this man to understand the
vision.’ 17So he came near where I
stood; and when he came, I was
terrified, and fell upon my face; but he
said unto me: ‘Understand, O son of
man; for the vision belongeth to the
time of the end.’ 18Now as he was
speaking with me, I fell into a deep
sleep with my face toward the ground;
but he touched me, and set me upright.
19And he said: ‘Behold, I will make
thee know what shall be in the latter
time of the indignation; for it
belongeth to the appointed time of the
end. 20The ram which thou sawest
having the two horns, they are the
kings of Media and Persia. 21And the

rough he-goat is the king of Greece;
and the great horn that is between his
eyes is the first king. 22 And as for that
which was broken, in the place
whereof four stood up, four kingdoms
shall stand up out of the nation, but not
with his power. 23 And in the latter time
of their kingdom, when the
transgressors have completed their
transgression, there shall stand up a
king of fierce countenance, and
understanding stratagems. 24 And his
power shall be mighty, but not by his
own power; and he shall destroy
wonderfully, and shall prosper and do;
and he shall destroy them that are
mighty and the people of the saints.
25 And through his cunning he shall
cause craft to prosper in his hand; and
he shall magnify himself in his heart,
and in time of security shall he destroy
many; he shall also stand up against
the prince of princes; but he shall be
broken without hand. 26 And the vision
of the evenings and mornings which
hath been told is true; but thou, shut
thou up the vision; for it belongeth to
many days to come.’ 27 And I Daniel
fainted, and was sick certain days; then
I rose up, and did the king’s business;
and I was appalled at the vision, but
understood it not.

9 In the first year of Darius the son
of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the
Medes, who was made king over the
realm of the Chaldeans; 2 in the first
year of his reign I Daniel meditated in
the books, over the number of the
years, whereof the word of the LORD
came to Jeremiah the prophet, that He
would accomplish for the desolations
of Jerusalem seventy years. 3 And I set
my face unto the Lord God, to seek by
prayer and supplications, with fasting,
and sackcloth, and ashes. 4 And I
prayed unto the LORD my God, and
made confession, and said: ‘O Lord,
the great and awful God, who keepest
covenant and mercy with them that
love Thee and keep Thy
commandments, 5 we have sinned, and
have dealt iniquitously, and have done
wickedly, and have rebelled, and have
turned aside from Thy commandments
and from Thine ordinances; 6 neither
have we hearkened unto Thy servants
the prophets, that spoke in Thy name
to our kings, our princes, and our
fathers, and to all the people of the
land. 7 Unto Thee, O Lord, belongeth
righteousness, but unto us confusion of
face, as at this day; to the men of
Judah, and to the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are
near, and that are far off, through all
the countries whither Thou hast driven
them, because they dealt treacherously
with Thee. 8 O LORD, to us belongeth
confusion of face, to our kings, to our
princes, and to our fathers, because we
have sinned against Thee. 9 To the Lord
our God belong compassions and
forgivenesses; for we have rebelled
against Him; 10 neither have we
hearkened to the voice of the LORD our
God, to walk in His laws, which He set
before us by His servants the prophets.

11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy
law, and have turned aside, so as not to
hearken to Thy voice; and so there
hath been poured out upon us the curse
and the oath that is written in the Law
of Moses the servant of God; for we
have sinned against Him. 12 And He
hath confirmed His word, which He
spoke against us, and against our
judges that judged us, by bringing
upon us a great evil; so that under the
whole heaven hath not been done as
hath been done upon Jerusalem. 13 As it
is written in the Law of Moses, all this
evil is come upon us; yet have we not
entreated the favour of the LORD our
God, that we might turn from our
iniquities, and have discernment in
Thy truth. 14 And so the LORD hath
watched over the evil, and brought it
upon us; for the LORD our God is
righteous in all His works which He
hath done, and we have not hearkened
to His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our
God, that hast brought Thy people
forth out of the land of Egypt with a
mighty hand, and hast gotten Thee
renown, as at this day; we have sinned,
we have done wickedly. 16 O Lord,
according to all Thy righteousness, let
Thine anger and Thy fury, I pray Thee,
be turned away from Thy city
Jerusalem, Thy holy mountain;
because for our sins, and for the
iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and
Thy people are become a reproach to
all that are about us. 17 Now therefore,
O our God, hearken unto the prayer of
Thy servant, and to his supplications,
and cause Thy face to shine upon Thy
sanctuary that is desolate, for the
Lord's sake. 18 O my God, incline
Thine ear, and hear; open Thine eyes,
and behold our desolations, and the
city upon which Thy name is called;
for we do not present our supplications
before Thee because of our
righteousness, but because of Thy
great compassions. 19 O Lord, hear, O
Lord, forgive, O Lord, attend and do,
defer not; for Thine own sake, O my
God, because Thy name is called upon
Thy city and Thy people.'

20 And while I was speaking, and
praying, and confessing my sin and the
sin of my people Israel, and presenting
my supplication before the LORD my
God for the holy mountain of my God;
21 yea, while I was speaking in prayer,
the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in
the vision at the beginning, being
caused to fly swiftly, approached close
to me about the time of the evening
offering. 22 And he made me to
understand, and talked with me, and
said: 'O Daniel, I am now come forth
to make thee skilful of understanding.
23 At the beginning of thy supplications
a word went forth, and I am come to
declare it; for thou art greatly beloved;
therefore look into the word, and
understand the vision. 24 Seventy weeks
are decreed upon thy people and upon
thy holy city, to finish the
transgression, and to make an end of
sin, and to forgive iniquity, and to
bring in everlasting righteousness, and
to seal vision and prophet, and to

anoint the most holy place. [25]Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem unto one anointed, a prince, shall be seven weeks; and for threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with broad place and moat, but in troublous times. [26]And after the threescore and two weeks shall an anointed one be cut off, and be no more; and the people of a prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; but his end shall be with a flood; and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. [27]And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week; and for half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease; and upon the wing of detestable things shall be that which causeth appalment; and that until the extermination wholly determined be poured out upon that which causeth appalment.’

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the word was true, even a great warfare; and he gave heed to the word, and had understanding of the vision. [2]In those days I Daniel was mourning three whole weeks. [3]I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. [4]And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Tigris, [5]I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz; [6]his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as torches of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. [7]And I Daniel alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; howbeit a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. [8]So that I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. [9]Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. [10]And, behold, a hand touched me, which set me tottering upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. [11]And he said unto me: ‘O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved, give heed unto the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for now am I sent unto thee’; and when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. [12]Then said he unto me: ‘Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard; and I am come because of thy words. [13]But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael,

one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I was left over there beside the kings of Persia. [14]Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the end of days; for there is yet a vision for the days.'

[15]And when he had spoken unto me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb. [16]And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth, and spoke and said unto him that stood before me: 'O my lord, by reason of the vision my pains are come upon me, and I retain no strength. [17]For how can this servant of my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.' [18]Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me. [19]And he said: 'O man greatly beloved, fear not! peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.' And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said: 'Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.' [20]Then said he: Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I go forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come. [21]Howbeit I will declare unto thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth; and there is none that holdeth with me against these, except Michael your prince.

11 And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to be a supporter and a stronghold unto him.

[2]And now will I declare unto thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all; and when he is waxed strong through his riches, he shall stir up all against the realm of Greece. [3]And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will. [4]And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.

[5]And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be a great dominion.

[6]And at the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begot her, and he that obtained her in those times.

[7]But one of the shoots of her roots shall stand up in his place, and shall come unto the army, and shall enter

into the stronghold of the king of the
north, and shall deal with them, and
shall prevail; 8 and also their gods, with
their molten images, and with their
precious vessels of silver and of gold,
shall he bring into captivity into
Egypt; and he shall desist some years
from the king of the north. 9 And he
shall come into the kingdom of the
king of the south, but he shall return
into his own land.

10 And his sons shall stir themselves
up, and shall assemble a multitude of
great forces, and he shall come on, and
overflow, as he passes through; and he
shall return and stir himself up, even to
his stronghold. 11 And the king of the
south shall be moved with choler, and
shall come forth and fight with him,
even with the king of the north; and he
shall set forth a great multitude, but
the multitude shall be given into his
hand. 12 and the multitude shall be
carried away, and his heart shall be
lifted up; and he shall cast down tens
of thousands; but he shall not prevail.
13 And the king of the north shall again
set forth a multitude, greater than the
former; and he shall come on at the
end of the times, even of years, with a
great army and with much substance.
14 And in those times there shall many
stand up against the king of the south;
also the children of the violent among
thy people shall lift themselves up to
establish the vision; but they shall
stumble. 15 And the king of the north
shall come, and cast up a mound, and
take a well-fortified city; and the arms
of the south shall not withstand; and as
for his chosen people, there shall be no
strength in them to withstand. 16 But he
that cometh against him shall do
according to his own will, and none
shall stand before him; and he shall
stand in the beauteous land, and in his
hand shall be extermination. 17 And he
shall set his face to come with the
strength of his whole kingdom, but
shall make an agreement with him;
and he shall give him the daughter of
women, to destroy it; but it shall not
stand, neither be for him. 18 After this
shall he set his face unto the isles, and
shall take many; but a captain shall
cause the reproach offered by him to
cease; yea, he shall cause his own
reproach to return upon him. 19 Then he
shall turn his face toward the
strongholds of his own land; but he
shall stumble and fall, and shall not be
found.

20 Then shall stand up in his place
one that shall cause an exactor to pass
through the glory of the kingdom; but
within few days he shall be destroyed,
neither in anger, nor in battle.

21 And in his place shall stand up a
contemptible person, upon whom had
not been conferred the majesty of the
kingdom; but he shall come in time of
security, and shall obtain the kingdom
by blandishments. 22 And the arms of
the flood shall be swept away from
before him, and shall be broken; yea,
also the prince of the covenant. 23 And
after the league made with him he
shall work deceitfully; and he shall

come up and become strong, with a little nation. [24]In time of security shall he come even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers’fathers: he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance; yea, he shall devise his devices against fortresses, but only until the time.

[25]And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall stir himself up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand, for they shall devise devices against him. [26]Yea, they that eat of his food shall destroy him, and his army shall be swept away; and many shall fall down slain. [27]And as for both these kings, their hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper, for the end remaineth yet for the time appointed. [28]And he shall return to his own land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do his pleasure, and return to his own land.

[29]At the time appointed he shall return, and come into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former. [30]For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be cowed, and he shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do his pleasure; and he shall return, and have regard unto them that forsake the holy covenant. [31]And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the stronghold, and shall take away the continual burnt-offering, and they shall set up the detestable thing that causeth appalment. [32]And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall be corrupt by blandishments; but the people that know their God shall show strength, and prevail. [33]And they that are wise among the people shall cause the many to understand; yet they shall stumble by the sword and by flame, by captivity and by spoil, many days. [34]Now when they shall stumble, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall join themselves unto them with blandishments. [35]And some of them that are wise shall stumble, to refine among them, and to purify, and to make white, even to the time of the end; for it is yet for the time appointed.

[36]And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak strange things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done. [37]Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers; and neither the desire of women, nor any god, shall he regard; for he shall magnify himself above all. [38]But in his place shall he honour the god of strongholds; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and costly things.

39 And he shall deal with the strongest
fortresses with the help of a foreign
god; whom he shall acknowledge,
shall increase glory; and he shall cause
them to rule over many, and shall
divide the land for a price.

40 And at the time of the end shall the
king of the south push at him; and the
king of the north shall come against
him like a whirlwind, with chariots,
and with horsemen, and with many
ships; and he shall enter into the
countries, and shall overflow, as he
passes through. 41 He shall enter also
into the beauteous land, and many
countries shall be overthrown; but
these shall be delivered out of his
hand, Edom, and Moab, and the chief
of the children of Ammon. 42 He shall
stretch forth his hand also upon the
countries; and the land of Egypt shall
not escape. 43 But he shall have power
over the treasures of gold and silver,
and over all the precious things of
Egypt; and the Libyans and the
Ethiopians shall be at his steps. 44 But
tidings out of the east and out of the
north shall affright him; and he shall
go forth with great fury to destroy and
utterly to take away many. 45 And he
shall plant the tents of his palace
between the seas and the beauteous
holy mountain; and he shall come to
his end, and none shall help him.

12 And at that time shall Michael
stand up, the great prince who
standeth for the children of thy people;
and there shall be a time of trouble,
such as never was since there was a
nation even to that same time; and at
that time thy people shall be delivered,
every one that shall be found written in
the book. 2 And many of them that
sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake, some to everlasting life, and
some to reproaches and everlasting
abhorrence. 3 And they that are wise
shall shine as the brightness of the
firmament; and they that turn the many
to righteousness as the stars for ever
and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up
the words, and seal the book, even to
the time of the end; many shall run to
and fro, and knowledge shall be
increased.'

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold,
there stood other two, the one on the
bank of the river on this side, and the
other on the bank of the river on that
side. 6 And one said to the man clothed
in linen, who was above the waters of
the river: 'How long shall it be to the
end of the wonders?' 7 And I heard the
man clothed in linen, who was above
the waters of the river, when he lifted
up his right hand and his left hand unto
heaven, and swore by Him that liveth
for ever that it shall be for a time,
times, and a half; and when they have
made an end of breaking in pieces the
power of the holy people, all these
things shall be finished.

8 And I heard, but I understood not;
then said I: 'O my Lord, what shall be
the latter end of these things?' 9 And he
said: 'Go thy way, Daniel; for the
words are shut up and sealed till the
time of the end. 10 Many shall purify

themselves, and make themselves
white, and be refined; but the wicked
shall do wickedly; and none of the
wicked shall understand; but they that
are wise shall understand. [11]And from
the time that the continual burnt-
offering shall be taken away, and the
detestable thing that causes appalment
set up, there shall be a thousand two
hundred and ninety days. [12]Happy is
he that waiteth, and cometh to the
thousand three hundred and five and
thirty days. [13]But go thou thy way till
the end be; and thou shalt rest, and
shalt stand up to thy lot, at the end of
the days.'

# עזרא
# EZRA

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus
king of Persia, that the word of
the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah
might be accomplished, the Lord
stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of
Persia, that he made a proclamation
throughout all his kingdom, and put it
also in writing, saying: 2 ’Thus saith
Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms
of the earth hath the Lord, the God of
heaven, given me; and He hath
charged me to build Him a house in
Jerusalem, which is in Judah.
3 Whosoever there is among you of all
His people—his God be with him—let
him go up to Jerusalem, which is in
Judah, and build the house of the
Lord, the God of Israel, He is the God
who is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever
is left, in any place where he
sojourneth, let the men of his place
help him with silver, and with gold,
and with goods, and with beasts,
beside the freewill-offering for the
house of God which is in Jerusalem.’

5 Then rose up the heads of
fathers’houses of Judah and Benjamin,
and the priests, and the Levites, even
all whose spirit God had stirred to go
up to build the house of the Lord
which is in Jerusalem. 6 And all they
that were round about them
strengthened their hands with vessels
of silver, with gold, with goods, and
with beasts, and with precious things,
beside all that was willingly offered.
7 Also Cyrus the king brought forth the
vessels of the house of the Lord,
which Nebuchadnezzar had brought
forth out of Jerusalem, and had put
them in the house of his gods; 8 even
those did Cyrus king of Persia bring
forth by the hand of Mithredath the
treasurer, and numbered them unto
Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 And
this is the number of them: thirty
basins of gold, a thousand basins of
silver, nine and twenty knives; 10 thirty
bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second
sort four hundred and ten, and other
vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of
gold and of silver were five thousand
and four hundred. All these did
Sheshbazzar bring up, when they of
the captivity were brought up from
Babylon unto Jerusalem.

2 Now these are the children of the
province, that went up out of the
captivity of those that had been carried
away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king
of Babylon had carried away unto
Babylon, and that returned unto
Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto
his city; 2 who came with Zerubbabel,
Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah,
Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai,
Rehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the
people of Israel:

3 The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred seventy and two.

4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five.

6 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve.

7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five.

9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two.

11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three.

12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two.

13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six.

14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six.

15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four.

16 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three.

18 The children of Jorah, a hundred and twelve.

19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three.

20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five.

21 The children of Beth-lehem, a hundred twenty and three.

22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six.

23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.

24 The children of Azmaveth, forty and two.

25 The children of Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three.

26 The children of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.

27 The men of Michmas, a hundred twenty and two.

28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three.

29 The children of Nebo, fifty and two.

30 The children of Magbish, a hundred fifty and six.

31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

32 The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty.

33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five.

34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five.

35 The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

36 The priests:

The children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three.

37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two.

38 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven.

[39]The children of Harim, a thousand
and seventeen. [4]

[0]The Levites: the children of Jeshua
and Kadmiel, of the children of
Hodaviah, seventy and four.

[41]The singers: the children of Asaph,
a hundred twenty and eight.

[42]The children of the porters: the
children of Shallum, the children of
Ater, the children of Talmon, the
children of Akkub, the children of
Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all a
hundred thirty and nine.

[43]The Nethinim: the children of
Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the
children of Tabbaoth; [44]the children of
Keros, the children of Siaha, the
children of Padon; [45]the children of
Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the
children of Akkub; [46]the children of
Hagab, the children of Salmai, the
children of Hanan; [47]the children of
Giddel, the children of Gahar, the
children of Reaiah; [48]the children of
Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the
children of Gazzam; [49]the children of
Uzza, the children of Paseah, the
children of Besai; [50]the children of
Asnah, the children of Meunim, the
children of Nephusim; [51]the children
of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha,
the children of Harhur; [52]the children
of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the
children of Harsha; [53]the children of
Barkos, the children of Sisera, the
children of Temah; [54]the children of
Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

[55]The children of Solomon’s
servants: the children of Sotai, the
children of Hassophereth, the children
of Peruda; [56]the children of Jaalah, the
children of Darkon, the children of
Giddel; [57]the children of Shephatiah,
the children of Hattil, the children of
Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of
Ami.

[58]All the Nethinim, and the children
of Solomon’s servants, were three
hundred ninety and two.

[59]And these were they that went up
from Tel-melah, Tel-harsa, Cherub,
Addan, and Immer; but they could not
tell their fathers’houses, and their seed,
whether they were of Israel: [60]the
children of Delaiah, the children of
Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six
hundred fifty and two. [61]And of the
children of the priests: the children of
Habaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the
children of Barzillai, who took a wife
of the daughters of Barzillai the
Gileadite, and was called after their
name. [62]These sought their register,
that is, the genealogy, but it was not
found; therefore were they deemed
polluted and put from the priesthood.
[63]And the [a]Tirshatha said unto them,
that they should not eat of the most
holy things, till there stood up a priest
with Urim and with Thummim.

[a] That is, *governor*.

64The whole congregation together
was forty and two thousand three
hundred and threescore, 65beside their
men-servants and their maid-servants,
of whom there were seven thousand
three hundred thirty and seven; and
they had two hundred singing men and
singing women. 66Their horses were
seven hundred thirty and six; their
mules, two hundred forty and five;
67their camels, four hundred thirty and
five; their asses, six thousand seven
hundred and twenty.

68And some of the heads of
fathers'houses, when they came to the
house of the LORD which is in
Jerusalem, offered willingly for the
house of God to set it up in its place;
69they gave after their ability into the
treasury of the work threescore and
one thousand darics of gold, and five
thousand pounds of silver, and one
hundred priests'tunics.

70So the priests, and the Levites, and
some of the people, and the singers,
and the porters, and the Nethinim,
dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in
their cities.

3 And when the seventh month was
come, and the children of Israel
were in the cities, the people gathered
themselves together as one man to
Jerusalem. 2Then stood up Jeshua the
son of Jozadak, and his brethren the
priests, and Zerubbabel the son of
Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded
the altar of the God of Israel, to offer
burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written
in the Law of Moses the man of God.
3And they set the altar upon its bases;
for fear was upon them because of the
people of the countries, and they
offered burnt-offerings thereon unto
the LORD, even burnt-offerings
morning and evening. 4And they kept
the feast of tabernacles, as it is written,
and offered the daily burnt-offerings
by number, according to the ordinance,
as the duty of every day required; 5and
afterward the continual burnt-offering,
and the offerings of the new moons,
and of all the appointed seasons of the
LORD that were hallowed, and of every
one that willingly offered a freewill-
offering unto the LORD. 6From the first
day of the seventh month began they
to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD;
but the foundation of the temple of the
LORD was not yet laid. 7They gave
money also unto the hewers, and to the
carpenters; and food, and drink, and
oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of
Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from
Lebanon to the sea, unto Joppa,
according to the grant that they had of
Cyrus king of Persia.

8Now in the second year of their
coming unto the house of God at
Jerusalem, in the second month, began
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and
Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest
of their brethren the priests and the
Levites, and all they that were come
out of the captivity unto Jerusalem;
and appointed the Levites, from
twenty years old and upward, to have
the oversight of the work of the house
of the LORD. 9Then stood Jeshua with

his sons and his brethren, and Kadmiel
and his sons, the sons of Judah,
together, to have the oversight of the
workmen in the house of God; the sons
of Henadad also, with their sons and
their brethren the Levites. 10And when
the builders laid the foundation of the
temple of the Lord, they set the priests
in their apparel with trumpets, and the
Levites the sons of Asaph with
cymbals, to praise the Lord, according
to the direction of David king of Israel.
11And they sang one to another in
praising and giving thanks unto the
Lord: ‘for He is good, for His mercy
endureth for ever toward Israel.’ And
all the people shouted with a great
shout, when they praised the Lord,
because the foundation of the house of
the Lord was laid. 12But many of the
priests and Levites and heads of
fathers’houses, the old men that had
seen the first house standing on its
foundation, wept with a loud voice,
when this house was before their eyes;
and many shouted aloud for joy; 13so
that the people could not discern the
noise of the shout of joy from the
noise of the weeping of the people; for
the people shouted with a loud shout,
and the noise was heard afar off.

4 Now when the adversaries of
Judah and Benjamin heard that
the children of the captivity were
building a temple unto the Lord, the
God of Israel; 2then they drew near to
Zerubbabel, and to the heads of
fathers’houses, and said unto them:
‘Let us build with you; for we seek
your God, as ye do; and we do
sacrifice unto Him since the days of
Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who
brought us up hither.’ 3But
Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of
the heads of fathers’houses of Israel,
said unto them: ‘Ye have nothing to do
with us to build a house unto our God;
but we ourselves together will build
unto the Lord, the God of Israel, as
king Cyrus the king of Persia hath
commanded us.’ 4Then the people of
the land weakened the hands of the
people of Judah, and harried them
while they were building, 5and hired
counsellors against them, to frustrate
their purpose, all the days of Cyrus
king of Persia, even until the reign of
Darius king of Persia. 6And in the
reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of
his reign, wrote they an accusation
against the inhabitants of Judah and
Jerusalem.

7And in the days of Artaxerxes
wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel,
and the rest of his companions, unto
Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the
writing of the letter was written in the
Aramaic character, and set forth in the
Aramaic tongue. 8Rehum the
commander and Shimshai the scribe
wrote a letter against Jerusalem to
Artaxerxes the king in this sort— 9then
wrote Rehum the commander, and
Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of
their companions; the Dinites, and the
Apharesattechites, the Tarpelites, the
Apharesites, the Archevites, the
Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the

Dehites, the Elamites, [10]and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asenappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and the rest that are in the country beyond the River:— ‘And now—[11]this is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes the king—thy servants the men beyond the River—and now[12]be it known unto the king, that the Jews that came up from thee are come to us unto Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and are digging out the foundations. [13]Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, impost, or toll, and so thou wilt endamage the revenue of the kings. [14]Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not meet for us to see the king’s dishonour, therefore have we sent and announced to the king, [15]that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers; so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city laid waste. [16]We announce to the king that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, by this means thou shalt have no portion beyond the River.’

[17]Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the commander, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest beyond the River: ‘Peace, and now[18]the letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. [19]And I decreed, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. [20]There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all the country beyond the River; and tribute, impost, and toll, was paid unto them. [21]Make ye now a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until a decree shall be made by me. [22]And take heed that ye be not slack herein; why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?’

[23]Then when the copy of king Artaxerxes’letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. [24]Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

5 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel prophesied they unto them. [2]Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at

Jerusalem; and with them were the
prophets of God, helping them. [3]At the
same time came to them Tattenai, the
governor beyond the River, and
Shethar-bozenai, and their
companions, and said thus unto them:
‘Who gave you a decree to build this
house, and to finish this structure?’
[4]’Then spoke we unto them after this
manner [, wrote they]: What are the
names of the men that build this
building?’ [5]But the eye of their God
was upon the elders of the Jews, and
they did not make them cease, till the
matter should come to Darius, and
then answer should be returned by
letter concerning it.

[6]The copy of the letter that
Tattenai, the governor beyond the
River, and Shethar-bozenai, and his
companions the Apharesachites, who
were beyond the River, sent unto
Darius the king; [7]they sent a letter unto
him, wherein was written thus: ‘Unto
Darius the king, all peace. [8]Be it
known unto the king, that we went into
the province of Judah, to the house of
the great God, which is builded with
great stones, and timber is laid in the
walls, and this work goeth on with
diligence and prospereth in their
hands. [9]Then asked we those elders,
and said unto them thus: Who gave
you a decree to build this house, and to
finish this wall? [10]We asked them their
names also, to announce to thee, that
we might write the names of the men
that were at the head of them. [11]And
thus they returned us answer, saying:
We are the servants of the God of
heaven and earth, and build the house
that was builded these many years ago,
which a great king of Israel builded
and finished. [12]But because that our
fathers had provoked the God of
heaven, He gave them into the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the
Chaldean, who destroyed this house,
and carried the people away into
Babylon. [13]But in the first year of
Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king
made a decree to build this house of
God. [14]And the gold and silver vessels
also of the house of God, which
Nebuchadnezzar took out of the
temple that was in Jerusalem, and
brought them into the temple of
Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take
out of the temple of Babylon, and they
were delivered unto one whose name
was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made
governor; [15]and he said unto him: Take
these vessels, go, put them in the
temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the
house of God be builded in its place.
[16]Then came the same Sheshbazzar,
and laid the foundations of the house
of God which is in Jerusalem; and
since that time even until now hath it
been in building, and yet it is not
completed. [17]Now therefore, if it seem
good to the king, let search be made in
the king’s treasure-house there, which
is at Babylon, whether it be so, that a
decree was made of Cyrus the king to
build this house of God at Jerusalem,
and let the king send his pleasure to us
concerning this matter.’

6 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the archives, where the treasures were laid up, in Babylon. [2]And there was found at Ahmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a roll, and therein was thus written: ‘A record. [3]In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof threescore cubits; [4]with three rows of great stones, and a row of new timber, and let the expenses be given out of the king’s house; [5]and also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought back unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place, and thou shalt put them in the house of God.’

[6]’Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and your companions the Apharesachites, who are beyond the River, be ye far from thence; [7]let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. [8]Moreover I make a decree concerning what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God; that of the king’s goods, even of the tribute beyond the River, expenses be given with all diligence unto these men, that they be not hindered. [9]And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for burnt-offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests that are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail; [10]that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savour unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, and of his sons. [11]Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this; [12]and may the God that hath caused His name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples, that shall put forth their hand to alter the same, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.’

[13]Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, because that Darius the king had thus sent, acted with all diligence. [14]And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and

Artaxerxes king of Persia. [15]And this
house was finished on the third day of
the month Adar, which was in the
sixth year of the reign of Darius the
king.

[16]And the children of Israel, the
priests and the Levites, and the rest of
the children of the captivity, kept the
dedication of this house of God with
joy. [17]And they offered at the
dedication of this house of God a
hundred bullocks, two hundred rams,
four hundred lambs; and for a sin-
offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats,
according to the number of the tribes
of Israel. [18]And they set the priests in
their divisions, and the Levites in their
courses, for the service of God, which
is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the
book of Moses.

[19]And the children of the captivity
kept the passover upon the fourteenth
day of the first month. [20]For the priests
and the Levites had purified
themselves together; all of them were
pure; and they killed the passover
lamb for all the children of the
captivity, and for their brethren the
priests, and for themselves. [21]And the
children of Israel, that were come back
out of the captivity, and all such as had
separated themselves unto them from
the filthiness of the nations of the land,
to seek the Lord, the God of Israel, did
eat, [22]and kept the feast of unleavened
bread seven days with joy; for the
Lord had made them joyful, and had
turned the heart of the king of Assyria
unto them, to strengthen their hands in
the work of the house of God, the God
of Israel.

7 Now after these things, in the
reign of Artaxerxes king of
Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son
of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, [2]the son
of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son
of Ahitub, [3]the son of Amariah, the
son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth,
[4]the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi,
the son of Bukki, [5]the son of Abishua,
the son of Phinehas, the son of
Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief
priest— [6]this Ezra went up from
Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in
the Law of Moses, which the Lord, the
God of Israel, had given; and the king
granted him all his request, according
to the hand of the Lord his God upon
him. [7]And there went up some of the
children of Israel, and of the priests,
and the Levites, and the singers, and
the porters, and the Nethinim, unto
Jerusalem, in the seventh year of
Artaxerxes the king. [8]And he came to
Jerusalem in the fifth month, which
was in the seventh year of the king.
[9]For upon the first day of the first
month began he to go up from
Babylon, and on the first day of the
fifth month came he to Jerusalem,
according to the good hand of his God
upon him. [10]For Ezra had set his heart
to seek the law of the Lord, and to do
it, and to teach in Israel statutes and
ordinances.

[11]Now this is the copy of the letter
that the king Artaxerxes gave unto

Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the
scribe of the words of the
commandments of the Lord, and of
His statutes to Israel: [12]’Artaxerxes,
king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, the
scribe of the Law of the God of
heaven, and so forth. And now[13]I make
a decree, that all they of the people of
Israel, and their priests and the
Levites, in my realm, that are minded
of their own free will to go with thee
to Jerusalem, go. [14]Forasmuch as thou
art sent of the king and his seven
counsellors, to inquire concerning
Judah and Jerusalem, according to the
law of thy God which is in thy hand;
[15]and to carry the silver and gold,
which the king and his counsellors
have freely offered unto the God of
Israel, whose habitation is in
Jerusalem, [16]and all the silver and gold
that thou shalt find in all the province
of Babylon, with the freewill-offering
of the people, and of the priests,
offering willingly for the house of
their God which is in Jerusalem;
[17]therefore thou shalt with all diligence
buy with this money bullocks, rams,
lambs, with their meal-offerings and
their drink-offerings, and shalt offer
them upon the altar of the house of
your God which is in Jerusalem. [18]And
whatsoever shall seem good to thee
and to thy brethren to do with the rest
of the silver and the gold, that do ye
after the will of your God. [19]And the
vessels that are given thee for the
service of the house of thy God,
deliver thou before the God of
Jerusalem. [20]And whatsoever more
shall be needful for the house of thy
God, which thou shalt have occasion
to bestow, bestow it out of the king’s
treasure-house. [21]And I, even I
Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree
to all the treasurers that are beyond the
River, that whatsoever Ezra the priest,
the scribe of the Law of the God of
heaven, shall require of you, it be done
with all diligence, [22]unto a hundred
talents of silver, and to a hundred
measures of wheat, and to a hundred
baths of wine, and to a hundred baths
of oil, and salt without prescribing
how much. [23]Whatsoever is
commanded by the God of heaven, let
it be done exactly for the house of the
God of heaven; for why should there
be wrath against the realm of the king
and his sons? [24]Also we announce to
you, that touching any of the priests
and Levites, the singers, porters,
Nethinim, or servants of this house of
God, it shall not be lawful to impose
tribute, impost, or toll, upon them.
[25]And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of
thy God that is in thy hand, appoint
magistrates and judges, who may
judge all the people that are beyond
the River, all such as know the laws of
thy God; and teach ye him that
knoweth them not. [26]And whosoever
will not do the law of thy God, and the
law of the king, let judgment be
executed upon him with all diligence,
whether it be unto death, or to
banishment, or to confiscation of
goods, or to imprisonment.’

[27]Blessed be the Lord, the God of our fathers, who hath put such a thing as this in the king’s heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem; [28]and hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king’s mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of the Lord my God upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

8 Now these are the heads of their fathers’houses, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. [2]Of the sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Hattush. [3]Of the sons of Shecaniah: of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. [4]Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah; and with him two hundred males. [5]Of the sons of Shechaniah, the son of Jahaziel; and with him three hundred males. [6]And of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. [7]And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiah the son of Athaliah; and with him seventy males. [8]And of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael; and with him fourscore males. [9]Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; and with him two hundred and eighteen males. [10]And of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah; and with him a hundred and threescore males. [11]And of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him twenty and eight males. [12]And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and with him a hundred and ten males. [13]And of the sons of Adonikam, that were the last; and these are their names, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah; and with them threescore males. [14]And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zaccur; and with him seventy males.

[15]And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there we encamped three days; and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. [16]Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, teachers. [17]And I gave them commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should say unto Iddo [and] his brother, who were set over the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. [18]And according to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; [19]and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; [20]and of the Nethinim, whom David and the

princes had given for the service of the
Levites, two hundred and twenty
Nethinim; all of them were mentioned
by name.
21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at
the river Ahava, that we might humble
ourselves before our God, to seek of
Him a straight way, for us, and for our
little ones, and for all our substance.
22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king
a band of soldiers and horsemen to
help us against the enemy in the way;
because we had spoken unto the king,
saying: 'The hand of our God is upon
all them that seek Him, for good; but
His power and His wrath is against all
them that forsake Him.' 23 So we fasted
and besought our God for this; and He
was entreated of us. 24 Then I separated
twelve of the chiefs of the priests,
besides Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten
of their brethren with them, 25 and
weighed unto them the silver, and the
gold, and the vessels, even the offering
for the house of our God, which the
king, and his counsellors, and his
princes, and all Israel there present,
had offered; 26 I even weighed into
their hand six hundred and fifty talents
of silver, and silver vessels a hundred
talents; of gold a hundred talents; 27 and
twenty bowels of gold, of a thousand
darics; and two vessels of fine bright
brass, precious as gold. 28 And I said
unto them: 'Ye are holy unto the Lord,
and the vessels are holy; and the silver
and the gold are a freewill-offering
unto the Lord, the God of your fathers.
29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye
weigh them before the chiefs of the
priests and the Levites, and the princes
of the fathers'houses of Israel, at
Jerusalem, in the chambers of the
house of the Lord.' 30 So the priests
and the Levites received the weight of
the silver and the gold, and the vessels,
to bring them to Jerusalem unto the
house of our God.
31 Then we departed from the river
of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first
month, to go unto Jerusalem; and the
hand of our God was upon us, and He
delivered us from the hand of the
enemy and lier-in-wait by the way.
32 And we came to Jerusalem, and
abode there three days. 33 And on the
fourth day was the silver and the gold
and the vessels weighed in the house
of our God into the hand of Meremoth
the son of Uriah the priest; and with
him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas;
and with them was Jozabad the son of
Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui,
the Levites; 34 the whole by number
and by weight; and all the weight was
written at that time.
35 The children of the captivity, that
were come out of exile, offered burnt-
offerings unto the God of Israel,
twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety
and six rams, seventy and seven
lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin-
offering; all this was a burnt-offering
unto the Lord. 36 And they delivered
the king's commissions unto the king's
satraps, and to the governors beyond
the River; and they furthered the
people and the house of God.

9 Now when these things were
done, the princes drew near unto
me, saying: ‘The people of Israel, and
the priests and the Levites, have not
separated themselves from the peoples
of the lands, doing according to their
abominations, even of the Canaanites,
the Hittites, the Perizzites, the
Jebusites, the Ammonites, the
Moabites, the Egyptians, and the
Amorites. 2For they have taken of their
daughters for themselves and for their
sons; so that the holy seed have
mingled themselves with the peoples
of the lands; yea, the hand of the
princes and rulers hath been first in
this faithlessness.’ 3And when I heard
this thing, I rent my garment and my
mantle, and plucked off the hair of my
head and of my beard, and sat down
appalled. 4Then were assembled unto
me every one that trembled at the
words of the God of Israel, because of
the faithlessness of them of the
captivity; and I sat appalled until the
evening offering.

5And at the evening offering I arose
up from my fasting, even with my
garment and my mantle rent; and I fell
upon my knees, and spread out my
hands unto the LORD my God; 6and I
said: ‘O my God, I am ashamed and
blush to lift up my face to Thee, my
God; for our iniquities are increased
over our head, and our guiltiness is
grown up unto the heavens. 7Since the
days of our fathers we have been
exceeding guilty unto this day; and for
our iniquities have we, our kings, and
our priests, been delivered into the
hand of the kings of the lands, to the
sword, to captivity, and to spoiling,
and to confusion of face, as it is this
day. 8And now for a little moment
grace hath been shown from the LORD
our God, to leave us a remnant to
escape, and to give us a nail in His
holy place, that our God may lighten
our eyes, and give us a little reviving
in our bondage. 9For we are bondmen;
yet our God hath not forsaken us in
our bondage, but hath extended mercy
unto us in the sight of the kings of
Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up
the house of our God, and to repair the
ruins thereof, and to give us a fence in
Judah and in Jerusalem. 10And now, O
our God, what shall we say after this?
for we have forsaken Thy
commandments, 11which Thou hast
commanded by Thy servants the
prophets, saying: The land, unto which
ye go to possess it, is an unclean land
through the uncleanness of the peoples
of the lands, through their
abominations, wherewith they have
filled it from one end to another with
their filthiness. 12Now therefore give
not your daughters unto their sons,
neither take their daughters unto your
sons, nor seek their peace or their
prosperity for ever; that ye may be
strong, and eat the good of the land,
and leave it for an inheritance to your
children for ever. 13And after all that is
come upon us for our evil deeds, and
for our great guilt, seeing that Thou
our God hast punished us less than our

iniquities deserve, and hast given us
such a remnant, 14shall we again break
Thy commandments, and make
marriages with the peoples that do
these abominations? wouldest not
Thou be angry with us till Thou hadst
consumed us, so that there should be
no remnant, nor any to escape? 15O
Lord, the God of Israel, Thou art
righteous; for we are left a remnant
that is escaped, as it is this day;
behold, we are before Thee in our
guiltiness; for none can stand before
Thee because of this.'

10 Now while Ezra prayed, and
made confession, weeping and
casting himself down before the house
of God, there was gathered together
unto him out of Israel a very great
congregation of men and women and
children; for the people wept very
sore. 2And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel,
one of the sons of Elam, answered and
said unto Ezra: 'We have broken faith
with our God, and have married
foreign women of the peoples of the
land; yet now there is hope for Israel
concerning this thing. 3Now therefore
let us make a covenant with our God
to put away all the wives, and such as
are born of them, according to the
counsel of the Lord, and of those that
tremble at the commandment of our
God; and let it be done according to
the law. 4Arise; for the matter
belongeth unto thee, and we are with
thee; be of good courage, and do it.'

5Then arose Ezra, and made the
chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and
all Israel, to swear that they would do
according to this word. So they swore.
6Then Ezra rose up from before the
house of God, and went into the
chamber of Jehohanan the son of
Eliashib; and when he came thither, he
did eat no bread, nor drink water; for
he mourned because of the
faithlessness of them of the captivity.
7And they made proclamation
throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto
all the children of the captivity, that
they should gather themselves together
unto Jerusalem; 8and that whosoever
came not within three days, according
to the counsel of the princes and the
elders, all his substance should be
forfeited, and himself separated from
the congregation of the captivity.

9Then all the men of Judah and
Benjamin gathered themselves
together unto Jerusalem within the
three days; it was the ninth month, on
the twentieth day of the month; and all
the people sat in the broad place before
the house of God, trembling because
of this matter, and for the great rain.
10And Ezra the priest stood up, and
said unto them: 'Ye have broken faith,
and have married foreign women, to
increase the guilt of Israel. 11Now
therefore make confession unto the
Lord, the God of your fathers, and do
His pleasure; and separate yourselves
from the peoples of the land, and from
the foreign women.' 12Then all the
congregation answered and said with a
loud voice: 'As thou hast said, so it is
for us to do. 13But the people are

many, and it is a time of much rain,
and we are not able to stand without,
neither is this a work of one day or
two; for we have greatly transgressed
in this matter. [14]Let now our princes of
all the congregation stand, and let all
them that are in our cities that have
married foreign women come at
appointed times, and with them the
elders of every city, and the judges
thereof, until the fierce wrath of our
God be turned from us, as touching
this matter.' [15]Only Jonathan the son
of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of
Tikvah stood up against this matter;
and Meshullam and Shabbethai the
Levite helped them. [16]And the children
of the captivity did so. And Ezra the
priest, with certain heads of
fathers'houses, after their
fathers'houses, and all of them by their
names, were separated; and they sat
down in the first day of the tenth
month to examine the matter. [17]And
they were finished with all the men
that had married foreign women by the
first day of the first month.

[18]And among the sons of the priests
there were found that had married
foreign women, namely: of the sons of
Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his
brethren, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and
Jarib, and Gedaliah. [19]And they gave
their hand that they would put away
their wives; and being guilty, [they
offered] a ram of the flock for their
guilt. [20]And of the sons of Immer:
Hanani and Zebadiah. [21]And of the
sons of Harim: Maaseiah, and Elijah,
and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziah.
[22]And of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai,
Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad,
and Elasah. [23]And of the Levites:
Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah—
the same is Kelita—Pethahiah, Judah,
and Eliezer. [24]And of the singers:
Eliashib; and of the porters: Shallum,
and Telem, and Uri. [25]And of Israel: of
the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and
Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin,
and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and
Benaiah. [26]And of the sons of Elam:
Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and
Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elijah. [27]And
of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib,
Mattaniah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad,
and Aziza. [28]And of the sons of Bebai:
Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai.
[29]And of the sons of Bani: Meshullam,
Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and
Sheal, and Ramoth. [30]And of the sons
of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal,
Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah,
Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh.
[31]And of the sons of Harim: Eliezer,
Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah,
Shimeon; [32]Benjamin, Malluch,
Shemariah. [33]Of the sons of Hashum:
Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet,
Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. [34]Of the
sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and
Uel; [35]Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluhu;
[36]Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib;
[37]Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasai;
[38]and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei;
[39]Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah;
[40]Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai;
[41]Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah;

42 Shallum, Amariah, Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, and Joel, Benaiah. 44 All these had taken foreign wives; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

# נחמיה

# NEHEMIAH

1 THE WORDS of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it came to pass in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the castle, 2 that Hanani, one of my brethren, came out of Judah, he and certain men; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, that were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto me: ‘The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach; the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.’ 4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 and said: ‘I beseech Thee, O LORD, the God of heaven, the great and awful God, that keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments; 6 let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hearken unto the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel Thy servants, while I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against Thee; yea, I and my father’s house have sinned. 7 We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses. 8 Remember, I beseech Thee, the word that Thou didst command Thy servant Moses, saying: If ye deal treacherously, I will scatter you abroad among the peoples; 9 but if ye return unto Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though your dispersed were in the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to cause My name to dwell there. 10 Now these are Thy servants and Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy great power, and by Thy strong hand. 11 O Lord, I beseech Thee, let now Thine ear be attentive to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayer of Thy servants, who delight to fear Thy name; and prosper, I pray Thee, Thy servant this day, and grant him mercy

in the sight of this man.' Now I was
cupbearer to the king.

2 And it came to pass in the month
Nisan, in the twentieth year of
Artaxerxes the king, when wine was
before him, that I took up the wine,
and gave it unto the king. Now I had
not been beforetime sad in his
presence. [2]And the king said unto me:
'Why is thy countenance sad, seeing
thou art not sick? this is nothing else
but sorrow of heart.' Then I was very
sore afraid. [3]And I said unto the king:
'Let the king live for ever: why should
not my countenance be sad, when the
city, the place of my fathers'
sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates
thereof are consumed with fire?' [4]Then
the king said unto me: 'For what dost
thou make request?' So I prayed to the
God of heaven. [5]And I said unto the
king: 'If it please the king, and if thy
servant have found favour in thy sight,
that thou wouldest send me unto
Judah, unto the city of my
fathers'sepulchres, that I may build it.'
[6]And the king said unto me, the queen
also sitting by him: 'For how long
shall thy journey be? and when wilt
thou return?' So it pleased the king to
send me; and I set him a time.
[7]Moreover I said unto the king: 'If it
please the king, let letters be given me
to the governors beyond the River, that
they may let me pass through till I
come unto Judah; [8]and a letter unto
Asaph the keeper of the king's park,
that he may give me timber to make
beams for the gates of the castle which
appertaineth to the house, and for the
wall of the city, and for the house that
I shall enter into.' And the king
granted me, according to the good
hand of my God upon me.

[9]Then I came to the governors
beyond the River, and gave them the
king's letters. Now the king had sent
with me captains of the army and
horsemen. [10]And when Sanballat the
Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the
Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them
exceedingly, for that there was come a
man to seek the welfare of the children
of Israel. [11]So I came to Jerusalem, and
was there three days. [12]And I arose in
the night, I and some few men with
me; neither told I any man what my
God put into my heart to do for
Jerusalem; neither was there any beast
with me, save the beast that I rode
upon. [13]And I went out by night by the
valley gate, even toward the dragon's
well, and to the dung gate, and viewed
the walls of Jerusalem, which were
broken down, and the gates thereof
were consumed with fire. [14]Then I
went on to the fountain gate and to the
king's pool; but there was no place for
the beast that was under me to pass.
[15]Then went I up in the night in the
valley, and viewed the wall; and I
turned back, and entered by the valley
gate, and so returned. [16]And the rulers
knew not whither I went, or what I did;
neither had I as yet told it to the Jews,
nor to the priests, nor to the nobles,
nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did
the work.

[17]Then said I unto them: ‘Ye see
the evil case that we are in, how
Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates
thereof are burned with fire; come and
let us build up the wall of Jerusalem,
that we be no more a reproach.’ [18]And
I told them of the hand of my God
which was good upon me; as also of
the king’s words that he had spoken
unto me. And they said: ‘Let us rise up
and build.’ So they strengthened their
hands for the good work. [19]But when
Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the
servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem
the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us
to scorn, and despised us, and said:
‘What is this thing that ye do? will ye
rebel against the king?’ [20]Then
answered I them, and said unto them:
‘The God of heaven, He will prosper
us; therefore we His servants will arise
and build; but ye have no portion, nor
right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.’

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose
up with his brethren the priests,
and they builded the sheep gate; they
sanctified it, and set up the doors of it;
even unto the tower of Hammeah they
sanctified it, unto the tower of
Hananel. [2]And next unto him builded
the men of Jericho. And next to them
builded Zaccur the son of Imri. [3]And
the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah
build; they laid the beams thereof, and
set up the doors thereof, the bolts
thereof, and the bars thereof. [4]And
next unto them repaired Meremoth the
son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz. And
next unto them repaired Meshullam
the son of Berechiah, the son of
Meshezabel. And next unto them
repaired Zadok the son of Baana. [5]And
next unto them the Tekoites repaired;
and their nobles put not their necks to
the work of their lord. [6]And the gate of
the old city repaired Joiada the son of
Paseah and Meshullam the son of
Besodeiah; they laid the beams
thereof, and set up the doors thereof,
and the bolts thereof, and the bars
thereof. [7]And next unto them repaired
Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jadon the
Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and
of Mizpah, for them that appertained
to the throne of the governor beyond
the River. [8]Next unto him repaired
Uzziel the son of Harhaiah,
goldsmiths. And next unto him
repaired Hananiah one of the
perfumers, and they restored Jerusalem
even unto the broad wall. [9]And next
unto them repaired Rephaiah the son
of Hur, the ruler of half the district of
Jerusalem. [10]And next unto them
repaired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph,
even over against his house. And next
unto him repaired Hattush the son of
Hashabneiah. [11]Malchijah the son of
Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-
moab, repaired another portion, and
the tower of the furnaces. [12]And next
unto him repaired Shallum the son of
Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district
of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
[13]The valley gate repaired Hanun, and
the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it,
and set up the doors thereof, the bolts
thereof, and the bars thereof, and a

thousand cubits of the wall unto the
dung gate. 14 And the dung gate
repaired Malchijah the son of Rechab,
the ruler of the district of Beth-
cherem; he built it, and set up the
doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and
the bars thereof. 15 And the fountain
gate repaired Shallun the son of
Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of
Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and
set up the doors thereof, the bolts
thereof, and the bars thereof, and the
wall of the pool of Shelah by the
king’s garden, even unto the stairs that
go down from the city of David.
16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son
of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district
of Beth-zur, unto the place over
against the sepulchres of David, and
unto the pool that was made, and unto
the house of the mighty men. 17 After
him repaired the Levites, Rehum the
son of Bani. Next unto him repaired
Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district
of Keilah, for his district. 18 After him
repaired their brethren, Bavvai the son
of Henadad, the ruler of half the
district of Keilah. 19 And next to him
repaired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the
ruler of Mizpah, another portion, over
against the ascent to the armoury at the
Turning. 20 After him Baruch the son of
Zaccai earnestly repaired another
portion, from the Turning unto the
door of the house of Eliashib the high
priest. 21 After him repaired Meremoth
the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz
another portion, from the door of the
house of Eliashib even to the end of
the house of Eliashib. 22 And after him
repaired the priests, the men of the
Plain. 23 After them repaired Benjamin
and Hasshub over against their house.
After them repaired Azariah the son of
Maaseiah the son of Ananiah beside
his own house. 24 After him repaired
Binnui the son of Henadad another
portion, from the house of Azariah
unto the Turning and unto the corner.
25 Palal the son of Uzai repaired over
against the Turning, and the tower that
standeth out from the upper house of
the king, which is by the court of the
guard. After him Pedaiah the son of
Parosh repaired.— 26 Now the
Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, unto the
place over against the water gate
toward the east, and the tower that
standeth out.— 27 After him the
Tekoites repaired another portion, over
against the great tower that standeth
out, and unto the wall of Ophel.
28 Above the horse gate repaired the
priests, every one over against his own
house. 29 After them repaired Zadok the
son of Immer over against his own
house. And after him repaired
Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the
keeper of the east gate. 30 After him
repaired Hananiah the son of
Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of
Zalaph, another portion. After him
repaired Meshullam the son of
Berechiah over against his chamber.
31 After him repaired Malchijah one of
the goldsmiths unto the house of the
Nethinim, and of the merchants, over
against the gate of Hammiphkad, and

to the upper chamber of the corner.
32And between the upper chamber of
the corner and the sheep gate repaired
the goldsmiths and the merchants.

33But it came to pass that, when
Sanballat heard that we builded the
wall, he was wroth, and took great
indignation, and mocked the Jews.
34And he spoke before his brethren and
the army of Samaria, and said: ‘What
do these feeble Jews? will they restore
at will? will they sacrifice? will they
make an end this day? will they revive
the stones out of the heaps of rubbish,
seeing they are burned?’ 35Now
Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and
he said: ‘Even that which they build, if
a fox go up, he shall break down their
stone wall.’ 36Hear, O our God; for we
are despised; and turn back their
reproach upon their own head, and
give them up to spoiling in a land of
captivity; 37and cover not their
iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted
out from before Thee; for they have
vexed Thee before the builders. 38So
we built the wall; and all the wall was
joined together unto half the height
thereof; for the people had a mind to
work.

4 But it came to pass that, when
Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the
Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the
Ashdodites, heard that the repairing of
the walls of Jerusalem went forward,
and that the breaches began to be
stopped, then they were very wroth;
2and they conspired all of them
together to come and fight against
Jerusalem, and to cause confusion
therein. 3But we made our prayer unto
our God, and set a watch against them
day and night, because of them. 4And
Judah said: ‘The strength of the
bearers of burdens is decayed, and
there is much rubbish; so that we are
not able to build the wall.’ 5And our
adversaries said: ‘They shall not know,
neither see, till we come into the midst
of them, and slay them, and cause the
work to cease.’ 6And it came to pass
that, when the Jews that dwelt by them
came, they said unto us ten times: ‘Ye
must return unto us from all places.’
7Therefore set I in the lowest parts of
the space behind the wall, in the open
places, I even set the people after their
families with their swords, their
spears, and their bows. 8And I looked,
and rose up, and said unto the nobles,
and to the rulers, and to the rest of the
people: ‘Be not ye afraid of them;
remember the Lord, who is great and
awful, and fight for your brethren,
your sons and your daughters, your
wives and your houses.’

9And it came to pass, when our
enemies heard that it was known unto
us, and God had brought their counsel
to nought, that we returned all of us to
the wall, every one unto his work.
10And it came to pass from that time
forth, that half of my servants wrought
in the work, and half of them held the
spears, the shields, and the bows, and
the coats of mail; and the rulers were
behind all the house of Judah. 11They
that builded the wall and they that bore

burdens laded themselves, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon; [12]and the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the horn was by me. [13]And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of the people: ‘The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another; [14]in what place soever ye hear the sound of the horn, resort ye thither unto us; our God will fight for us.’

[15]So we wrought in the work; and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. [16]Likewise at the same time said I unto the people: ‘Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labour in the day.’ [17]So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard that followed me, none of us put off our clothes, every one that went to the water had his weapon.

5 Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. [2]For there were that said: ‘We, our sons and our daughters, are many; let us get for them corn, that we may eat and live.’ [3]Some also there were that said: ‘We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses; let us get corn, because of the dearth.’ [4]There were also that said: ‘We have borrowed money for the king’s tribute upon our fields and our vineyards. [5]Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage already; neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards.’

[6]And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. [7]Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said unto them: ‘Ye lend upon pledge, every one to his brother.’ And I held a great assembly against them. [8]And I said unto them: ‘We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, that sold themselves unto the heathen; and would ye nevertheless sell your brethren, and should they sell themselves unto us?’ Then held they their peace, and found never a word. [9]Also I said: ‘The thing that ye do is not good; ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? [10]And I likewise, my brethren and my servants, have lent them money and corn. I pray you, let us leave off this exaction. [11]Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundred pieces of silver, and the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them.’ [12]Then said they: ‘We will restore them, and will

require nothing of them; so will we do, even as thou sayest.’ Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. [13]Also I shook out my lap, and said: ‘So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied.’ And all the congregation said: ‘Amen’, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

[14]Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. [15]But the former governors that were before me laid burdens upon the people, and took of them for bread and wine above forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants lorded over the people; but so did not I, because of the fear of God. [16]Yea, also I set hand to the work of this wall, neither bought we any land; and all my servants were gathered thither unto the work. [17]Moreover there were at my table of the Jews and the rulers a hundred and fifty men, beside those that came unto us from among the nations that were round about us. [18]Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep, also fowls were prepared for me; and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine; yet for all this I demanded not the bread of the governor, because the service was heavy upon this people. [19]Remember unto me, O my God, for good, all that I have done for this people.

6 Now it came to pass, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and unto the rest of our enemies, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein—though even unto that time I had not set up the doors in the gates— [2]that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying: ‘Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono.’ But they thought to do me mischief. [3]And I sent messengers unto them, saying: ‘I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down; why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?’ [4]And they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them after the same manner. [5]Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; [6]wherein was written: ‘It is reported among the nations, and [a]Geshem saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall; and thou wouldest be their king, even according to these words. [7]And thou hast also appointed prophets to proclaim of thee at Jerusalem, saying: There is a king in Judah; and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take

[a] Heb. *Gashmu*.

counsel together.’ [8]Then I sent unto him, saying: ‘There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart.’ [9]For they all would have us afraid, saying: ‘Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done.’ But now, strengthen Thou my hands.

[10]And as for me, I went unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he said: ‘Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple; for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee.’ [11]And I said: ‘Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being such as I, could go into the temple and live? I will not go in.’ [12]And I discerned, and, lo, God had not sent him; for he pronounced this prophecy against me, whereas Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. [13]For this cause was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might taunt me. [14]Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have me put in fear.

[15]So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. [16]And it came to pass, when all our enemies heard thereof, that all the nations that were about us feared, and were much cast down in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God. [17]Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them. [18]For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son-in-law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah to wife. [19]Also they spoke of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

7 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, [2]that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. [3]And I said unto them: ‘Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand on guard, let them shut the doors, and bar ye them; and let watches be appointed of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house.’ [4]Now the city was wide and large; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded. [5]And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of

them that came up at the first, and I found written therein:

6These are the children of the
province, that went up out of the
captivity of those that had been carried
away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king
of Babylon had carried away, and that
returned unto Jerusalem and to Judah,
every one unto his city; 7who came
with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah,
Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani,
Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai,
Nehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel:

8The children of Parosh, two thousand a hundred and seventy and two.

9The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two.

10The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and two.

11The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and eighteen.

12The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

13The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five.

14The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore.

15The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight.

16The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and eight.

17The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty and two.

18The children of Adonikam, six hundred threescore and seven.

19The children of Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven.

20The children of Adin, six hundred fifty and five.

21The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight.

22The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty and eight.

23The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four.

24The children of Hariph, a hundred and twelve.

25The children of Gibeon, ninety and five.

26The men of Beth-lehem and Netophah, a hundred fourscore and eight.

27The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty and eight.

28The men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two.

29The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.

30The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred twenty and one.

31The men of Michmas, a hundred and twenty and two.

32The men of Beth-el and Ai, a hundred twenty and three.

33The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two.

34The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four.

35 The children of Harim, three
hundred and twenty.
36 The children of Jericho, three
hundred forty and five.
37 The children of Lod, Hadid, and
Ono, seven hundred twenty and one.
38 The children of Senaah, three
thousand nine hundred and thirty.

39 The priests:
The children of Jedaiah, of the
house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy
and three.
40 The children of Immer, a
thousand fifty and two.
41 The children of Pashhur, a
thousand two hundred forty and seven.
42 The children of Harim, a
thousand and seventeen.

43 The Levites: the children of
Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the children of
Hodeiah, seventy and four.

44 The singers: the children of
Asaph, a hundred forty and eight.

45 The porters: the children of
Shallum, the children of Ater, the
children of Talmon, the children of
Akkub, the children of Hatita, the
children of Shobai, a hundred thirty
and eight.

46 The Nethinim: the children of
Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the
children of Tabbaoth;
47 the children of
Keros, the children of Sia, the children
of Padon;
48 the children of Lebanah,
the children of Hagaba, the children of
Salmai;
49 the children of Hanan, the
children of Giddel, the children of
Gahar;
50 the children of Reaiah, the
children of Rezin, the children of
Nekoda;
51 the children of Gazzam, the
children of Uzza, the children of
Paseah;
52 the children of Besai, the
children of Meunim, the children of
Nephishesim;
53 the children of
Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the
children of Harhur;
54 the children of
Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the
children of Harsha;
55 the children of
Barkos, the children of Sisera, the
children of Temah;
56 the children of
Neziah, the children of Hatipha.
57 The children of Solomon’s
servants: the children of Sotai, the
children of Sophereth, the children of
Perida;
58 the children of Jala, the
children of Darkon, the children of
Giddel;
59 the children of Shephatiah,
the children of Hattil, the children of
Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of
Amon.
60 All the Nethinim, and the children
of Solomon’s servants, were three
hundred ninety and two.

61 And these were they that went up
from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub,
Addon, and Immer; but they could not
tell their fathers’houses, nor their seed,
whether they were of Israel:
62 the
children of Delaiah, the children of
Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six
hundred forty and two.
63 And of the
priests: the children of Habaiah, the

children of Hakkoz, the children of
Barzillai, who took a wife of the
daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite,
and was called after their name.
64These sought their register, that is,
the genealogy, but it was not found;
therefore were they deemed polluted
and put from the priesthood. 65And the
Tirshatha said unto them, that they
should not eat of the most holy things,
till there stood up a priest with Urim
and Thummim.

66The whole congregation together
was forty and two thousand three
hundred and threescore, 67beside their
men-servants and their maid-servants,
of whom there were seven thousand
three hundred thirty and seven; and
they had two hundred forty and five
singing men and singing women.
[[a]68Their horses were seven hundred
thirty and six; their mules, two
hundred forty and five;] 69their camels,
four hundred thirty and five; their
asses, six thousand seven hundred and
twenty.

70And some from among the heads
of fathers'houses gave unto the work.
The Tirshatha gave to the treasury a
thousand darics of gold, fifty basins,
five hundred and thirty priests'tunics.
71And some of the heads of
fathers'houses gave into the treasury
of the work twenty thousand darics of
gold, and two thousand and two
hundred pounds of silver. 72And that
which the rest of the people gave was
twenty thousand darics of gold, and
two thousand pounds of silver, and
threescore and seven priests'tunics.

73So the priests, and the Levites,
and the porters, and the singers, and
some of the people, and the Nethinim,
and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

And when the seventh month was
come, and the children of Israel were
8 in their cities, 1all the people
gathered themselves together as
one man into the broad place that was
before the water gate; and they spoke
unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book
of the Law of Moses, which the LORD
had commanded to Israel. 2And Ezra
the priest brought the Law before the
congregation, both men and women,
and all that could hear with
understanding, upon the first day of
the seventh month. 3And he read
therein before the broad place that was
before the water gate from early
morning until midday, in the presence
of the men and the women, and of
those that could understand; and the
ears of all the people were attentive
unto the book of the Law. 4And Ezra
the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood,
which they had made for the purpose;
and beside him stood Mattithiah, and
Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and
Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right
hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah,
and Mishael, and Malchijah, and
Hashum, and Hashbaddanah,

[a] This verse is placed in authorative codices in the margin.

Zechariah, and Meshullam. [5]And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people—for he was above all the people—and when he opened it, all the people stood up. [6]And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered: ‘Amen, Amen’, with the lifting up of their hands; and they bowed their heads, and fell down before the Lord with their faces to the ground. [7]Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, even the Levites, caused the people to understand the Law; and the people stood in their place. [8]And they read in the book, in the Law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

[9]And Nehemiah, who was the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people: ‘This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep.’ For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. [10]Then he said unto them: ‘Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord; neither be ye grieved; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.’ [11]So the Levites stilled all the people, saying: ‘Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved.’ [12]And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

[13]And on the second day were gathered together the heads of fathers’houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the Law. [14]And they found written in the Law, how that the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; [15]and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying: ‘Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written.’ [16]So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim. [17]And all the congregation of them that were come back out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths; for since the days of [a]Joshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness. [18]Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days;

[a] Heb. *Jeshua*.

and on the eighth day was a solemn assembly, according unto the ordinance.

9 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. 2And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. 3And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the Law of the LORD their God a fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and prostrated themselves before the LORD their God.

4Then stood up upon the platform of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. 5Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said: ‘Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting; and let them say: Blessed be Thy glorious Name, that is exalted above all blessing and praise.

6Thou art the LORD, even Thou alone; Thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and Thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth Thee. 7Thou art the LORD the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; 8and foundest his heart faithful before Thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, even to give it unto his seed, and hast performed Thy words; for Thou art righteous; 9And Thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red Sea; 10and didst show signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for Thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them; and didst get Thee a name, as it is this day. 11And Thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers Thou didst cast into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. 12Moreover in a pillar of cloud Thou didst lead them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. 13Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spokest with them from heaven, and gavest them right ordinances and laws of truth, good statutes and commandments; 14and madest known unto them Thy holy sabbath, and didst command them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by the hand of Moses Thy servant; 15and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of

the rock for their thirst, and didst
command them that they should go in
to possess the land which Thou hadst
lifted up Thy hand to give them.
16 But they and our fathers dealt
proudly, and hardened their neck, and
hearkened not to Thy commandments,
17 and refused to hearken, neither were
mindful of Thy wonders that Thou
didst among them; but hardened their
neck, and in their rebellion appointed a
captain to return to their bondage; but
Thou art a God ready to pardon,
gracious and full of compassion, slow
to anger, and plenteous in mercy, and
forsookest them not. 18 Yea, when they
had made them a molten calf, and said:
‘This is thy God that brought thee up
out of Egypt, and had wrought great
provocations; 19 yet Thou in Thy
manifold mercies forsookest them not
in the wilderness; the pillar of cloud
departed not from over them by day, to
lead them in the way; neither the pillar
of fire by night, to show them light,
and the way wherein they should go.
20 Thou gavest also Thy good spirit to
instruct them, and withheldest not Thy
manna from their mouth, and gavest
them water for their thirst. 21 Yea, forty
years didst Thou sustain them in the
wilderness, and they lacked nothing;
their clothes waxed not old, and their
feet swelled not.
22 Moreover Thou gavest them
kingdoms and peoples, which Thou
didst allot quarter by quarter; so they
possessed the land of Sihon, even the
land of the king of Heshbon, and the
land of Og king of Bashan. 23 Their
children also didst Thou multiply as
the stars of heaven, and didst bring
them into the land, concerning which
Thou didst say to their fathers, that
they should go in to possess it. 24 So the
children went in and possessed the
land, and Thou didst subdue before
them the inhabitants of the land, the
Canaanites, and gavest them into their
hands, with their kings, and the
peoples of the land, that they might do
with them as they would. 25 And they
took fortified cities, and a fat land, and
possessed houses full of all good
things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards,
and oliveyards, and fruit-trees in
abundance; so they did eat, and were
filled, and became fat, and luxuriated
in Thy great goodness.
26 Nevertheless they were
disobedient, and rebelled against Thee,
and cast Thy law behind their back,
and slew Thy prophets that did
forewarn them to turn them back unto
Thee, and they wrought great
provocations. 27 Therefore Thou didst
deliver them into the hand of their
adversaries, who distressed them; and
in the time of their trouble, when they
cried unto Thee, Thou heardest from
heaven; and according to Thy
manifold mercies Thou gavest them
saviours who might save them out of
the hand of their adversaries. 28 But
after they had rest, they did evil again
before Thee; therefore didst Thou
leave them in the hand of their
enemies, so that they had the dominion

over them; yet when they returned, and
cried unto Thee, many times didst
Thou hear from heaven, and deliver
them according to Thy mercies; 29and
didst forewarn them, that Thou
mightest bring them back unto Thy
law; yet they dealt proudly, and
hearkened not unto Thy
commandments, but sinned against
Thine ordinances, which if a man do,
he shall live by them, and presented a
stubborn shoulder, and hardened their
neck, and would not hear. 30Yet many
years didst Thou extend mercy unto
them, and didst forewarn them by Thy
spirit through Thy prophets; yet would
they not give ear; therefore gavest
Thou them into the hand of the peoples
of the lands. 31Nevertheless in Thy
manifold mercies Thou didst not
utterly consume them, nor forsake
them; for Thou art a gracious and
merciful God.

32Now therefore, our God, the
great, the mighty, and the awful God,
who keepest covenant and mercy, let
not all the travail seem little before
Thee, that hath come upon us, on our
kings, on our princes, and on our
priests, and on our prophets, and on
our fathers, and on all Thy people,
since the time of the kings of Assyria
unto this day. 33Howbeit Thou art just
in all that is come upon us; for Thou
hast dealt truly, but we have done
wickedly; 34neither have our kings, our
princes, our priests, nor our fathers,
kept Thy law, nor hearkened unto Thy
commandments and Thy testimonies,
wherewith Thou didst testify against
them. 35For they have not served Thee
in their kingdom, and in Thy great
goodness that Thou gavest them, and
in the large and fat land which Thou
gavest before them, neither turned they
from their wicked works. 36Behold, we
are servants this day, and as for the
land that Thou gavest unto our fathers
to eat the fruit thereof and the good
thereof, behold, we are servants in it.
37And it yieldeth much increase unto
the kings whom Thou hast set over us
because of our sins; also they have
power over our bodies, and over our
cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in
great distress.'

10 And yet for all this we make a
sure covenant, and subscribe
it; and our princes, our Levites, and
our priests, set their seal unto it.

2Now those that set their seal were:

Nehemiah the Tirshatha, the son of
Hachaliah, and Zedekiah; 3Seraiah,
Azariah, Jeremiah; 4Pashhur, Amariah,
Malchijah; 5Hattush, Shebaniah,
Malluch; 6Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah;
7Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch;
8Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin;
9Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah. These
were the priests.

10And the Levites: Jeshua the son
of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of
Henadad, Kadmiel; 11and their
brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita,
Pelaiah, Hanan; 12Mica, Rehob,
Hashabiah; 13Zaccur, Sherebiah,
Shebaniah; 14Hodiah, Bani, Beninu.

15The chiefs of the people: Parosh,
Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani;
16Bunni, Azgad, Bebai; 17Adonijah,
Bigvai, Adin; 18Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur;
19Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai; 20Hariph,
Anathoth, Nebai; 21Magpiash,
Meshullam, Hezir; 22Meshezabel,
Zadok, Jaddua; 23Pelatiah, Hanan,
Anaiah; 24Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub;
25Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek; 26Rehum,
Hashabnah, Maaseiah; 27and Ahiah,
Hanan, Anan; 28Malluch, Harim,
Baanah.

29And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one that had
knowledge and understanding; 30they
cleaved to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God’s law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes;
31and that we would not give our daughters unto the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons;
32and if the peoples of the land bring ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them on the sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

33Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of
the house of our God; 34for the
showbread, and for the continual meal-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the appointed seasons, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our
God. 35And we cast lots, the priests,
the Levites, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers’houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the
Law; 36and to bring the first-fruits of
our land, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all manner of trees, year by year,
unto the house of the LORD; 37also the
first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in
the house of our God; 38and that we
should bring the first of our dough, and our heave-offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, the wine and the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our land unto the Levites; for they, the Levites, take the tithes in all the cities
of our tillage. 39And the priest the son
of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes; and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house.

40 For the children of Israel and the
children of Levi shall bring the heave-
offering of the corn, of the wine, and
of the oil, unto the chambers, where
are the vessels of the sanctuary, and
the priests that minister, and the
porters, and the singers; and we will
not forsake the house of our God.

11 And the princes of the people
dwelt in Jerusalem; the rest of
the people also cast lots, to bring one
of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy
city, and nine parts in the other cities.
2 And the people blessed all the men
that willingly offered themselves to
dwell in Jerusalem.

3 Now these are the chiefs of the
province that dwelt in Jerusalem; but
in the cities of Judah dwelt every one
in his possession in their cities, to wit,
Israelites, the priests, and the Levites,
and the Nethinim, and the children of
Solomon's servants. 4 And in Jerusalem
dwelt certain of the children of Judah,
and of the children of Benjamin.

Of the children of Judah: Athaiah
the son of Uzziah, the son of
Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son
of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of
the children of Perez; 5 and Maaseiah
the son of Baruch, the son of
Colhozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son
of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son
of Zechariah, the son of the Shilonite.
6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt in
Jerusalem were four hundred
threescore and eight valiant men.

7 And these are the sons of
Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam,
the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the
son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah,
the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiah.
8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine
hundred twenty and eight. 9 And Joel
the son of Zichri was their overseer;
and Judah the son of Hassenuah was
second over the city.

10 Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of
Joiarib, Jachin, 11 Seraiah the son of
Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son
of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son
of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of
God, 12 and their brethren that did the
work of the house, eight hundred
twenty and two; and Adaiah the son of
Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son
of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son
of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, 13 and
his brethren, chiefs of fathers'houses,
two hundred forty and two; and
Amashsai the son of Azarel, the son of
Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the
son of Immer, 14 and their brethren,
mighty men of valour, a hundred
twenty and eight; and their overseer
was Zabdiel, the son of Haggedolim.

15 And of the Levites: Shemaiah the
son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam,
the son of Hashabiah, the son of
Bunni; 16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad,
of the chiefs of the Levites, who had
the oversight of the outward business
of the house of God; 17 and Mattaniah
the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the
son of Asaph, who was the chief to
begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and
Bakbukiah, the second among his
brethren; and Abda the son of

Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of
Jeduthun. 18 All the Levites in the holy
city were two hundred fourscore and
four.

19 Moreover the porters, Akkub,
Talmon, and their brethren, that kept
watch at the gates, were a hundred
seventy and two.

20 And the residue of Israel, of the
priests, the Levites, were in all the
cities of Judah, every one in his
inheritance. 21 But the Nethinim dwelt
in Ophel; and Ziha and Gishpa were
over the Nethinim.

22 The overseer also of the Levites
at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani,
the son of Hashabiah, the son of
Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons
of Asaph, the singers, over the
business of the house of God. 23 For
there was a commandment from the
king concerning them, and a sure
ordinance concerning the singers, as
every day required. 24 And Pethahiah
the son of Meshezabel, of the children
of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the
king's hand in all matters concerning
the people. 25 And for the villages, with
their fields, some of the children of
Judah dwelt in Kiriath-arba and the
towns thereof, and in Dibon and the
towns thereof, and in Jekabzeel and
the villages thereof; 26 and in Jeshua,
and in Moladah, and Beth-pelet; 27 and
in Hazar-shual, and in Beer-sheba and
the towns thereof; 28 and in Ziklag, and
in Meconah and in the towns thereof;
29 and in En-rimmon, and in Zorah, and
in Jarmuth; 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and
their villages, Lachish and the fields
thereof, Azekah and the towns thereof.
So they encamped from Beer-sheba
unto the valley of Hinnom.

31 And the children of Benjamin
from Geba onward, at Michmas and
Aijah, and at Beth-el and the towns
thereof; 32 at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah;
33 Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; 34 Hadid,
Zeboim, Neballat; 35 Lod, and Ono, Ge-
harashim. 36 And of the Levites, certain
courses in Judah were joined to
Benjamin.

12 Now these are the priests and
the Levites that went up with
Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and
Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra;
2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush;
3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth; 4 Iddo,
Ginnethoi, Abijah; 5 Mijamin,
Maadiah, Bilgah; 6 Shemaiah, and
Joiarib, Jedaiah; 7 Sallu, Amok,
Hilkiah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs
of the priests and their brethren in the
days of Jeshua.

8 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua,
Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah,
and Mattaniah, who was over the
thanksgiving, he and his brethren.
9 Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their
brethren, were over against them in
wards.

10 And Jeshua begot Joiakim, and
Joiakim begot Eliashib, and Eliashib
begot Joiada, 11 and Joiada begot
Jonathan and Jonathan begot Jaddua.

12 And in the days of Joiakim were
priests, heads of fathers'houses: of
Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah,

Hananiah; [13]of Ezra, Meshullam; of
Amariah, Jehohanan; [14]of Melicu,
Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; [15]of
Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; [16]of
Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon,
Meshullam; [17]of Abijah, Zichri; of
Miniamin; of Moadiah, Piltai; [18]of
Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah,
Jehonathan; [19]and of Joiarib, Mattenai;
of Jedaiah, Uzzi; [20]of Sallai, Kallai; of
Amok, Eber; [21]of Hilkiah, Hashabiah;
of Jedaiah, Nethanel.

[22]The Levites in the days of
Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and
Jaddua, were recorded heads of
fathers'houses; also the priests, in the
reign of Darius the Persian.

[23]The sons of Levi, heads of
fathers'houses, were written in the
book of the chronicles, even until the
days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.
[24]And the chiefs of the Levites:
Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the
son of Kadmiel, with their brethren
over against them, to praise and give
thanks, according to the
commandment of David the man of
God, ward against ward. [25]Mattaniah,
and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam,
Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping
the ward at the store-houses of the
gates. [26]These were in the days of
Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of
Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah
the governor, and of Ezra the priest the
scribe.

[27]And at the dedication of the wall
of Jerusalem they sought the Levites
out of all their places, to bring them to
Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with
gladness, both with thanksgivings, and
with singing, with cymbals, psalteries,
and with harps. [28]And the sons of the
singers gathered themselves together,
both out of the Plain round about
Jerusalem, and from the villages of the
Netophathites; [29]also from Beth-gilgal,
and out of the fields of Geba and
Azmaveth; for the singers had builded
them villages round about Jerusalem.
[30]And the priests and the Levites
purified themselves; and they purified
the people, and the gates, and the wall.

[31]Then I brought up the princes of
Judah upon the wall, and appointed
two great companies that gave thanks
and went in procession: on the right
hand upon the wall toward the dung
gate; [32]and after them went Hoshaiah,
and half of the princes of Judah; [33]and
Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam,
[34]Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah,
and Jeremiah; [35]and certain of the
priests'sons with trumpets: Zechariah
the son of Jonathan, the son of
Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the
son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the
son of Asaph; [36]and his brethren,
Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai,
Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani,
with the musical instruments of David
the man of God; and Ezra the scribe
was before them; [37]and by the fountain
gate, and straight before them, they
went up by the stairs of the city of
David, at the going up of the wall,
above the house of David, even unto

the water gate eastward. [38]And the
other company of them that gave
thanks went to meet them, and I after
them, with the half of the people, upon
the wall, above the tower of the
furnaces, even unto the broad wall;
[39]and above the gate of Ephraim, and
by the gate of the old city and by the
fish gate, and the tower of Hananel,
and the tower of Hammeah, even unto
the sheep gate; and they stood still in
the gate of the guard. [40]So stood the
two companies of them that gave
thanks in the house of God, and I, and
the half of the rulers with me; [41]and the
priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin,
Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and
Hananiah, with trumpets; [42]and
Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar,
and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and
Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And
the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah
their overseer. [43]And they offered great
sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for
God had made them rejoice with great
joy; and the women also and the
children rejoiced; so that the joy of
Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

[44]And on that day were men
appointed over the chambers for the
treasures, for the heave-offerings, for
the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to
gather into them, according to the
fields of the cities, the portions
appointed by the law for the priests
and Levites; for Judah rejoiced for the
priests and for the Levites that took
their stations. [45]And they kept the ward
of their God, and the ward of the
purification, and so did the singers and
the porters, according to the
commandment of David, and of
Solomon his son. [46]For in the days of
David and Asaph of old there were
chief of the singers, and songs of
praise and thanksgiving unto God.
[47]And all Israel in the days of
Zerubbabel, and in the days of
Nehemiah, gave the portions of the
singers and the porters, as every day
required; and they hallowed for the
Levites; and the Levites hallowed for
the sons of Aaron.

13 On that day they read in the
book of Moses in the hearing
of the people; and therein was found
written, that an Ammonite and a
Moabite should not enter into the
assembly of God for ever; [2]because
they met not the children of Israel with
bread and with water, but hired
Balaam against them, to curse them;
howbeit our God turned the curse into
a blessing. [3]And it came to pass, when
they had heard the law, that they
separated from Israel all the alien
mixture.

[4]Now before this, Eliashib the
priest, who was appointed over the
chambers of the house of our God,
being allied unto Tobiah, [5]had
prepared for him a great chamber,
where aforetime they laid the meal-
offerings, the frankincense, and the
vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the
wine, and the oil, which were given by

commandment to the Levites, and the
singers, and the porters; and the heave-
offerings for the priests. 6 But in all this
time I was not at Jerusalem; for in the
two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes
king of Babylon I went unto the king,
and after certain days asked I leave of
the king; 7 and I came to Jerusalem, and
understood the evil that Eliashib had
done for Tobiah, in preparing him a
chamber in the courts of the house of
God. 8 And it grieved me sore;
therefore I cast forth all the household
stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber.
9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed
the chambers; and thither brought I
again the vessels of the house of God,
with the meal-offerings and the
frankincense.

10 And I perceived that the portions
of the Levites had not been given
them; so that the Levites and the
singers, that did the work, were fled
every one to his field. 11 Then
contended I with the rulers, and said:
'Why is the house of God forsaken?'
And I gathered them together, and set
them in their place. 12 Then brought all
Judah the tithe of the corn and the
wine and the oil unto the treasuries.
13 And I made treasurers over the
treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and
Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites,
Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan
the son of Zaccur, the son of
Mattaniah; for they were counted
faithful, and their office was to
distribute unto their brethren.
14 Remember me, O my God,
concerning this, and wipe not out my
good deeds that I have done for the
house of my God, and for the wards
thereof.

15 In those days saw I in Judah some
treading winepresses on the sabbath,
and bringing in heaps of corn, and
lading asses therewith; as also wine,
grapes, and figs, and all manner of
burdens, which they brought into
Jerusalem on the sabbath day; and I
forewarned them in the day wherein
they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men
of Tyre also therein, who brought in
fish, and all manner of ware, and sold
on the sabbath unto the children of
Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I
contended with the nobles of Judah,
and said unto them: 'What evil thing is
this that ye do, and profane the sabbath
day? 18 Did not your fathers thus, and
did not our God bring all this evil upon
us, and upon this city? yet ye bring
more wrath upon Israel by profaning
the sabbath.'

19 And it came to pass that, when
the gates of Jerusalem began to be
dark before the sabbath, I commanded
that the doors should be shut, and
commanded that they should not be
opened till after the sabbath; and some
of my servants set I over the gates, that
there should no burden be brought in
on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants
and sellers of all kind of ware lodged
without Jerusalem once or twice.
21 Then I forewarned them, and said
unto them: 'Why lodge ye about the
wall? if ye do so again, I will lay

hands on you.’ From that time forth
came they no more on the sabbath.
22And I commanded the Levites that
they should purify themselves, and
that they should come and keep the
gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.
Remember unto me, O my God, this
also, and spare me according to the
greatness of Thy mercy.

23In those days also saw I the Jews
that had married women of Ashdod, of
Ammon, and of Moab; 24and their
children spoke half in the speech of
Ashdod, and could not speak in the
Jews’language, but according to the
language of each people. 25And I
contended with them, and cursed them,
and smote certain of them, and
plucked off their hair, and made them
swear by God: ‘Ye shall not give your
daughters unto their sons, nor take
their daughters for your sons, or for
yourselves. 26Did not Solomon king of
Israel sin by these things? yet among
many nations was there no king like
him, and he was beloved of his God,
and God made him king over all Israel;
nevertheless even him did the foreign
women cause to sin. 27Shall we then
hearken unto you to do all this great
evil, to break faith with our God in
marrying foreign women?’

28And one of the sons of Joiada, the
son of Eliashib the high priest, was
son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite;
therefore I chased him from me.
29Remember them, O my God, because
they have defiled the priesthood, and
the covenant of the priesthood, and of
the Levites.

30Thus cleansed I them from
everything foreign, and appointed
wards for the priests and for the
Levites, every one in his work; 31and
for the wood-offering, at times
appointed, and for the first-fruits.
Remember me, O my God, for good.

# דברי הימים א
# FIRST CHRONICLES

1 ADAM, SETH, Enosh; 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared; 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 6 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Diphath, and Togarmah. 7 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

8 The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raama, and Sabteca. And the sons of Raama: Sheba, and Dedan. 10 And Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 11 And Mizraim begot Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and Naphtuhim, 12 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim—from whence came the Philistines—and Caphtorim. 13 And Canaan begot Zidon his first-born, and Heth; 14 and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite; 15 and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite; 16 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

17 The Sons of Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. 18 And Arpachshad begot Shelah, and Shelah begot Eber. 19 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 20 And Joktan begot Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah; 21 and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah; 22 and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba; 23 and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; 25 Eber, Peleg, Reu; 26 Serug, Nahor, Terah; 27 Abram—the same is Abraham. 28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishmael.

29 These are their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, and Tema, 31 Jetur, Naphish, and Kedem. These are the sons of Ishmael.

32 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah.

34 And Abraham begot Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau, and Israel.

35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam and Korah. 36 The sons of Eliphaz: Teman, and Omar, Zephi, and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna,

and Amalek. 37The sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah.

38And the sons of Seir: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. 39And the sons of Lotan: Hori, and Homam; and Timna was Lotan’s sister. 40The sons of Shobal: Alian, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon: Aiah, and Anah. 41The sons of Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Hamran, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 42The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Zaavan, Jaakan. The sons of Dishan: Uz, and Aran.

43Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before their reigned any king over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. 45And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 46And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Avith. 47And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 48And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead. 49And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 50And Baal-hanan died, and Hadad reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife’s name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 51And Hadad died.

And the chiefs of Edom were: the chief of Timna, the chief of Alvah, the chief of Jetheth; 52the chief of Oholibamah, the chief of Elah, the chief of Pinon; 53the chief of Kenaz, the chief of Teman, the chief of Mibzar; 54the chief of Magdiel, the chief of Iram. These are the chiefs of Edom.

2 These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun; 2Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

3The sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah; which three were born unto him of Bath-shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah’s first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD; and He slew him. 4And Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah were five.

5The sons of Perez: Hezron, and Hamul. 6And the sons of Zerah: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all. 7And the sons of Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass concerning the devoted thing. 8And the sons of Ethan: Azariah.

9The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. 10And Ram begot Amminadab; and Amminadab begot Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; 11and Nahshon begot Salma,

and Salma begot Boaz; [12]and Boaz
begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse;
[13]and Jesse begot his first-born Eliab,
and Abinadab the second, and Shimea
the third; [14]Nethanel the fourth, Raddai
the fifth; [15]Ozem the sixth, David the
seventh. [16]And their sisters were
Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of
Zeruiah: [a]Abishai, and Joab, and
Asahel, three. [17]And Abigail bore
Amasa; and the father of Amasa was
Jether the Ishmaelite.

[18]And Caleb the son of Hezron
begot children of Azubah his wife—
and of Jerioth—and these were her
sons: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon.
[19]And Azubah died, and Caleb took
unto him Ephrath, who bore him Hur.
[20]And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot
Bezalel.

[21]And afterward Hezron went in to
the daughter of Machir the father of
Gilead; whom he took to wife when he
was threescore years old; and she bore
him Segub. [22]And Segub begot Jair,
who had three and twenty cities in the
land of Gilead. [23]And Geshur and
Aram took Havvoth-jair from them,
with Kenath, and the villages thereof,
even threescore cities. All these were
the sons of Machir the father of
Gilead. [24]And after that Hezron was
dead in Caleb-ephrath, then Abiah
Hezron's wife bore him Ashhur the
father of Tekoa.

[25]And the sons of Jerahmeel the
first-born of Hezron were Ram the
first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and
Ozem, Ahijah. [26]And Jerahmeel had
another wife, whose name was Atarah;
she was the mother of Onam.

[27]And the sons of Ram the first-
born of Jerahmeel were Maaz, and
Jamin, and Eker. [28]And the sons of
Onam were Shammai, and Jada; and
the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and
Abishur. [29]And the name of the wife of
Abishur was Abihail; and she bore him
Ahban, and Molid. [30]And the sons of
Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled
died without children. [31]And the sons
of Appaim: Ishi. And the sons of Ishi:
Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan:
Ahlai. [32]And the sons of Jada the
brother of Shammai: Jether, and
Jonathan: and Jether died without
children. [33]And the sons of Jonathan:
Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons
of Jerahmeel.

[34]Now Sheshan had no sons, but
daughters. And Sheshan had a servant,
an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha.
[35]So Sheshan gave his daughter to
Jarha his servant to wife; and she bore
him Attai. [36]And Attai begot Nathan,
and Nathan begot Zabad; [37]and Zabad
begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot Obed;
[38]and Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot
Azariah; [39]and Azariah begot Helez,
and Helez begot Eleasah; [40]and
Eleasah begot Sisamai, and Sisamai
begot Shallum; [41]and Shallum begot
Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begot
Elishama.

[42]And the sons of Caleb the brother
of Jerahmeel were Mesha his first-

[a] Heb. *Abshai*.

born, who was the father of Ziph, and
the sons of Mareshah the father of
Hebron. [43]And the sons of Hebron:
Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and
Shema. [44]And Shema begot Raham,
the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem
begot Shammai. [45]And the son of
Shammai was Maon; and Maon was
the father of Beth-zur. [46]And Ephah,
Caleb’s concubine, bore Haran, and
Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begot
Gazez. [47]And the sons of Jahdai:
Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and
Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph.
[48]Maacah, Caleb’s concubine, bore
Sheber and Tirhanah. [49]And [the wife
of] Shaaph the father of Madmannah
bore Sheva the father of Machbenah
and the father of Gibea. And the
daughter of Caleb was Achsah.

[50]These were the sons of Caleb.

The sons of Hur the first-born of
Ephrath: Shobal the father of Kiriath-
jearim; [51]Salma the father of Beth-
lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-
gader. [52]And Shobal the father of
Kiriath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, and
half of the Menuhoth. [53]And the
families of Kiriath-jearim: the Ithrites,
and the Puthites, and the Shumathites,
and the Mishraites; of them came the
Zorathites, and the Eshtaolites.

[54]The sons of Salma: Beth-lehem,
and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-
joab, and half of the Manahathites, the
Zorites. [55]And the families of scribes
that dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, the
Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are
the Kenites that came of Hammath, the
father of the house of Rechab.

3 Now these were the sons of
David, that were born unto him in
Hebron: the first-born, Amnon, of
Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second,
Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess;
[2]the third, Absalom the son of Maacah
the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;
the fourth, Adonijah the son of
Haggith; [3]the fifth, Shephatiah of
Abital; the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his
wife. [4]Six were born unto him in
Hebron; and there he reigned seven
years and six months; and in Jerusalem
he reigned thirty and three years.

[5]And these were born unto him in
Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and
Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-
shua the daughter of Ammiel; [6]and
Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet;
[7]and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia;
[8]and Elishama, and Eliada, and
Eliphelet, nine. [9]All these were the
sons of David, beside the sons of the
concubines; and Tamar was their
sister.

[10]And Solomon’s son was
Rehoboam; Abijah his son, Asa his
son, Jehoshaphat his son; [11]Joram his
son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his son;
[12]Amaziah his son, Azariah his son,
Jotham his son; [13]Ahaz his son,
Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son;
[14]Amon his son, Josiah his son. [15]And
the sons of Josiah: the firstborn
Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the
third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.

[16]And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son.

[17]And the sons of Jeconiah—the same is Assir—Shealtiel his son; [18]and Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. [19]And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel, and Shimei. And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister; [20]and Hashubah and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five. [21]And the sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jeshaiah; the sons of [Jeshaiah]: Rephaiah; the sons of [Rephaiah]: Arnan; the sons of [Arnan]: Obadiah; the sons of [Obadiah]: Shecaniah. [22]And the sons of Shecaniah: Shemaiah; and the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. [23]And the sons of Neariah: Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. [24]And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and Eliashib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

4 The sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. [2]And Reaiah the son of Shobal begot Jahath; and Jahath begot Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.

[3]And these were [the sons of] the father of Etam: Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazlelponi; [4]and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur the first-born of Ephrath, the father of Beth-lehem.

[5]And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. [6]And Naarah bore him Ahuzam, and Hepher, and Timeni, and Ahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. [7]And the sons of Helah were Zereth, and Zohar, and Ethnan. [8]And Koz begot Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. [9]And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren; and his mother called his name Jabez, saying: ‘Because I bore him with pain.’ [10]And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying: ‘Oh that Thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldest work deliverance from evil, that it may not pain me! ’ And God granted him that which he requested.

[11]And Chelub the brother of Shuhah begot Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. [12]And Eshton begot Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir-nahash. These are the men of Recah.

[13]And the sons of Kenaz: Othniel, and Seraiah; and the sons of Othniel: Hathath. [14]And Meonothai begot Ophrah; and Seraiah begot Joab the father of [a]Ge-harashim; for they were craftsmen. [15]And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: Iru, Elah, and Naam; and the sons of Elah: Kenaz. [16]And the sons of Jehallelel: Ziph, and

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[a] That is, *The valley of craftsmen*.

Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. [17]And the
sons of Ezrah: Jether, and Mered, and
Epher, and Jalon. And she bore
Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the
father of Eshtemoa—[18]and his wife
Hajehudijah bore Jered the father of
Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco,
and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah—
and these are the sons of Bithiah the
daughter of Pharaoh whom Mered
took.

[19]And the sons of the wife of
Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the
father of Keilah the Garmite, and
Eshtemoa the Maacathite. [20]And the
sons of Shimon: Amnon, and Rinnah,
Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of
Ishi: Zoheth, and Ben-zoheth.

[21]The sons of Shelah the son of
Judah: Er the father of Lecah, and
Ladah the father of Mareshah, and the
families of the house of them that
wrought fine linen, of the house of
Ashbea; [22]and Jokim, and the men of
Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who
had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-
lehem. And the records are ancient.
[23]These were the potters, and those
that dwelt among plantations and
hedges; there they dwelt occupied in
the king's work.

[24]The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and
Jamim, Jarib, Zerah, Shaul; [25]Shallum
his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his
son. [26]And the sons of Mishma:
Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son,
Shimei his son. [27]And Shimei had
sixteen sons and six daughters; but his
brethren had not many children,
neither did all their family multiply,
like to the children of Judah.

[28]And they dwelt at Beer-sheba,
and Moladah, and Hazar-shual; [29]and
at Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad;
[30]and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and
at Ziklag; [31]and at Beth-marcaboth,
and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-biri, and
at Shaaraim. These were their cities
unto the reign of David. [32]And their
villages were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon,
and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities;
[33]and all their villages that were round
about the same cities, unto Baal. These
were their habitations, and they have
their genealogy.

[34]And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and
Joshah the son of Amaziah; [35]and Joel,
and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son
of Seraiah, the son of Asiel; [36]and
Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshoaiah,
and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel,
and Benaiah; [37]and Ziza the son of
Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of
Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of
Shemaiah; [38]these mentioned by name
were princes in their families; and
their fathers'houses increased greatly.
[39]And they went to the entrance of
Gedor, even unto the east side of the
valley, to seek pasture for their flocks.
[40]And they found fat pasture and good,
and the land was wide, and quiet, and
peaceable; for they that dwelt there
aforetime were of Ham. [41]And these
written by name came in the days of
Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote
their tents, and the Meunim that were
found there, and destroyed them

utterly, unto this day, and dwelt in their stead; because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42 And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. 43 And they smote the remnant of the Amalekites that escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

5 And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel—for he was the first-born; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father’s couch, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, yet not so that he was to be reckoned in the genealogy as first-born. 2 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came he that is the prince; but the birthright was Joseph’s— 3 the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. 4 The sons of Joel: Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, Shimei his son; 5 Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his son; 6 Beerah his son, whom Tillegath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive; he was prince of the Reubenites. 7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon; 9 and eastward he dwelt even unto the entrance of the wilderness from the river Euphrates; because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. 10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.

11 And the sons of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salcah: 12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan; 13 and their brethren of their fathers’houses: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. 14 These were the sons of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jehishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz; 15 Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers’houses. 16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in the towns thereof, and in all the open lands of the plain, upon their borders. 17 All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.

18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, as many as were valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were forty and four thousand seven hundred and threescore, that were able to go forth to war. 19 And they made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. 20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with

them; for they cried to God in the
battle, and He was entreated of them,
because they put their trust in Him.
21 And they took away their cattle: of
their camels fifty thousand, and of
sheep two hundred and fifty thousand,
and of asses two thousand; and of
souls of men a hundred thousand.
22 For there fell many slain, because the
war was of God. And they dwelt in
their stead until the captivity.

23 And the children of the half-tribe
of Manasseh dwelt in the land, from
Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir
and mount Hermon, where they
increased. 24 And these were the heads
of their fathers'houses: Epher, and
Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and
Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel,
mighty men of valour, famous men,
heads of their fathers'houses.

25 And they broke faith with the
God of their fathers, and went astray
after the gods of the peoples of the
land, whom God destroyed before
them. 26 And the God of Israel stirred
up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria,
and the spirit of Tillegath-pilneser king
of Assyria, and he carried them away,
even the Reubenites, and the Gadites,
and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and
brought them unto Halah, and Habor,
and Hara, and to the river of Gozan,
unto this day.

27 The sons of Levi: Gershon,
Kohath, and Merari. 28 And the sons of
Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron,
and Uzziel. 29 And the children of
Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and
Miriam. And the sons of Aaron: Nadab
and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar.
30 Eleazar begot Phinehas, Phinehas
begot Abishua; 31 and Abishua begot
Bukki, and Bukki begot Uzzi; 32 and
Uzzi begot Zerahiah, and Zerahiah
begot Meraioth; 33 Meraioth begot
Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub;
34 and Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok
begot Ahimaaz; 35 and Ahimaaz begot
Azariah, and Azariah begot Johanan; [1]
36 and Johanan begot Azariah—he it is
that executed the priest's office in the
house that Solomon built in
Jerusalem—:37 and Azariah begot
Amariah, and Amariah begot Ahitub;
38 and Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok
begot Shallum; 39 and Shallum begot
Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begot Azariah;
40 and Azariah begot Seraiah, and
Seraiah begot Jehozadak; 41 and
Jehozadak went into captivity, when
the Lord carried away Judah and
Jerusalem by the hand of
Nebuchadnezzar.

6 The sons of Levi: Gershom,
Kohath and Merari. 2 And these
are the names of the sons of Gershom:
Libni, and Shimei. 3 And the sons of
Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and
Hebron, and Uzziel. 4 The sons of
Merari: Mahli, and Mushi. And these
are the families of the Levites
according to their fathers'houses.

5 Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jahath
his son, Zimmah his son; 6 Joah his
son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son,
Jeatherai his son.

7 The sons of Kohath: Amminadab
his son, Korah his son, Assir his son;
8 Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his
son, and Assir his son; 9 Tahath his son,
Uriel his son, Uzziah his son, and
Shaul his son. 10 And the sons of
Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth. 11 As
for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah:
Zophai his son, and Nahath his son;
12 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son,
Elkanah his son. 13 And the sons of
Samuel: the first-born Vashni; then
Abiah.

14 The sons of Merari: Mahli; Libni
his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah his son;
15 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son,
Asaiah his son.

16 And these are they whom David
set over the service of song in the
house of the LORD, after that the ark
had rest. 17 And they ministered with
song before the tabernacle of the tent
of meeting, until Solomon had built
the house of the LORD in Jerusalem;
and they took their station at their
service according to their order. 18 And
these are they that took their station,
and their sons. Of the sons of the
Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son
of Joel, the son of Samuel; 19 the son of
Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son
of Eliel, the son of Toah; 20 the son of
Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of
Mahath, the son of Amasai; 21 the son
of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of
Azariah, the son of Zephaniah; 22 the
son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son
of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah; 23 the
son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the
son of Levi, the son of Israel. 24 And
his brother Asaph, who stood on his
right hand; even Asaph the son of
Berechiah, the son of Shimea; 25 the
son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah,
the son of Malchijah; 26 the son of
Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of
Adaiah; 27 the son of Ethan, the son of
Zimmah, the son of Shimei; 28 the son
of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son
of Levi. 29 And on the left hand their
brethren the sons of Merari: Ethan the
son of Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son
of Malluch; 30 the son of Hashabiah,
the son of Amaziah, the son of
Hilkiah; 31 the son of Amzi, the son of
Bani, the son of Shemer; 32 the son of
Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of
Merari, the son of Levi. 33 And their
brethren the Levites were appointed
for all the service of the tabernacle of
the house of God.

34 But Aaron and his sons offered
upon the altar of burnt-offering, and
upon the altar of incense, for all the
work of the most holy place, and to
make atonement for Israel, according
to all that Moses the servant of God
had commanded. 35 And these are the
sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son,
Phinehas his son, Abishua his son;
36 Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah
his son; 37 Meraioth his son, Amariah
his son, Ahitub his son; 38 Zadok his
son, Ahimaaz his son.

39 Now these are their dwelling-
places according to their encampments
in their borders: to the sons of Aaron,
of the families of the Kohathites, for

theirs was the [first] lot, 40 to them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and the open land round about it; 41 but the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 42 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the [a]city of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with the open land about it, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with the open land about it; 43 and Hilen with the open land about it, Debir with the open land about it; 44 and Ashan with the open land about it, and Beth-shemesh with the open land about it; 45 and out of the tribe of Benjamin: Geba with the open land about it, and Alemeth with the open land about it, and Anathoth with the open land about it. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities.

46 And unto the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities. 47 And to the sons of Gershom, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 48 Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

49 So the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with the open land about them. 50 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name.

51 And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. 52 And they gave unto them the [b]city of refuge, Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim with the open land about it; Gezer also with the open land about it; 53 and Jokmeam with the open land about it, and Bethhoron with the open land about it; 54 and Aijalon with the open land about it, and Gath-rimmon with the open land about it; 55 and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh: Aner with the open land about it, and Bileam with the open land about it, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

56 Unto the sons of Gershom were given, out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with the open land about it, and Ashtaroth with the open land about it; 57 and out of the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with the open land about it, Dobrath with the open land about it; 58 and Ramoth with the open land about it, and Anem with the open land about it; 59 and out of the tribe of Asher: Mashal with the open land about it, and Abdon with the open land about it; 60 and Hukok with the open land about

[a] Heb. *Cities*.

[b] Heb. *Cities*.

it; and Rehob with the open land about
it; [61]and out of the tribe of Naphtali:
Kedesh in Galilee with the open land
about it, and Hammon with the open
land about it, and Kiriathaim with the
open land about it.

[62]Unto the rest [of the Levites], the
sons of Merari, were given, out of the
tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with the
open land about it, Tabor with the
open land about it; [63]and beyond the
Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of
the Jordan, were given them, out of the
tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the
wilderness with the open land about it,
and Jahaz with the open land about it,
[64]and Kedemoth with the open land
about it, and Mephaath with the open
land about it; [65]and out of the tribe of
Gad: Ramoth in Gilead with the open
land about it, and Mahanaim with the
open land about it, [66]and Heshbon with
the open land about it, and Jazer with
the open land about it.

7 And of the sons of Issachar: Tola,
and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron,
four. [2]And the sons of Tola: Uzzi and
Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and
Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their
fathers'houses, mighty men of valour
according to their generations, even of
Tola; their number in the days of
David was two and twenty thousand
and six hundred. [3]And the sons of
Uzzi: Izrahiah; and the sons of
Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadiah, and
Joel, Isshiah, five; all of them chief
men. [4]And with them, by their
generations, after their fathers'houses,
were bands of the host for war, six and
thirty thousand; for they had many
wives and sons. [5]And their brethren
among all the families of Issachar,
mighty men of valour, reckoned in all
by genealogy, were fourscore and
seven thousand.

[6][The sons of] Benjamin: Bela, and
Becher, and Jediael, three. [7]And the
sons of Bela: Ezbon, and Uzzi, and
Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five;
heads of fathers'houses, mighty men
of valour; and they were reckoned by
genealogy twenty and two thousand
and thirty and four. [8]And the sons of
Becher: Zemirah, and Joash, and
Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and
Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth,
and Alemeth. All these were the sons
of Becher. [9]And they were reckoned
by genealogy, after their generations,
heads of their fathers'houses, mighty
men of valour, twenty thousand and
two hundred. [10]And the sons of
Jediael: Bilhan; and the sons of
Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and
Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and
Tarshish, and Ahishahar. [11]All these
were sons of Jediael, even heads of
their fathers'houses, mighty men of
valour, seventeen thousand and two
hundred, that were able to go forth in
the host for war. [12]Shuppim also, and
Huppim, the sons of Ir, Hushim, the
son of [a]another.

[a] That is, *Dan*.

13 The sons of Naphtali: Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his wife bore—his concubine the Aramitess bore Machir the father of Gilead; 15 and Machir took a wife of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Maacah—and the name of the second was Zelophehad; and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 And Maacah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. 17 And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. 18 And his sister Hammolecheth bore Ish-hod, and Abiezer, and Mahlah. 19 And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

20 And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelah—and Bered was his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son—and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, and he called his name Beriah, because [a]it went evil with his house. 24 And his daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth-horon the nether and the upper, and Uzzen-sheerah. 25 And Rephah was his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son; 26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son; 27 [b]Nun his son, Joshua his son. 28 And their possessions and habitations were Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto Aiah and the towns thereof; 29 and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and the towns thereof, Taanach and the towns thereof, Megiddo and the towns thereof, Dor and the towns thereof. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31 And the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. 32 And Heber begot Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33 And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Asvath. These are the children of Japhlet. 34 And the sons of Shemer: Ahi, and Rohgah, and Hubbah, and Aram. 35 And the sons of Helem his brother: Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. 36 The sons of Zophah: Suah, and Harnepher, and Shaul, and Beri, and Imrah; 37 Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilsha, and Ithran, and Beera. 38 And the sons

[a] Heb. *Beraah.*

[b] Heb. *Non.*

of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pispa, and
Ara. [39]And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and
Hanniel, and Rizia. [40]All these were
the children of Asher, heads of the
fathers'houses, choice and mighty men
of valour, chief of the princes. And the
number of them reckoned by
genealogy for service in war was
twenty and six thousand men.

8 And Benjamin begot Bela his
first-born, Ashbel the second, and
Aharah the third; [2]Nohah the fourth,
and Rapha the fifth. [3]And Bela had
sons, Addar, and Gera, and Abihud;
[4]and Abishua, and Naaman, and
Ahoah; [5]and Gera, and Shephuphan,
and Huram. [6]And these are the sons of
Ehud—these are the heads of
fathers'houses of the inhabitants of
Geba, and they were carried captive to
Manahath; [7]and Naaman, and Ahijah,
and Gera, were they that carried them
captive—and he begot Uzza, and
Ahihud. [8]And Shaharaim begot
children in the field of Moab, after he
had sent them away, to wit, Hushim
and Baara his wives; [9]he begot of
Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and
Mesha, and Malcam; [10]and Jeuz, and
Sachiah, and Mirmah. These were his
sons, heads of fathers'houses. [11]and of
Hushim he begot Abitub, and Elpaal.

[12]And the sons of Elpaal: Eber, and
Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono,
and Lod, with the towns thereof; [13]and
Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of
fathers'houses of the inhabitants of
Aijalon, who put to flight the
inhabitants of Gath. [14]And Ahio,
Shashak, and Jeremoth; [15]and
Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder; [16]and
Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, were
the sons of Beriah. [17]And Zebadiah,
and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber;
[18]and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab,
were the sons of Elpaal. [19]And Jakim,
and Zichri, and Zabdi; [20]and Elienai,
and Zillethai, and Eliel; [21]and Adaiah,
and Beraiah, and Shimrath, were the
sons of Shimei. [22]And Ishpan, and
Ebed, and Eliel; [23]and Abdon, and
Zichri, and Hanan; [24]and Hananiah,
and Elam, and Anthothiah; [25]and
Iphdeiah, and Penuel, were the sons of
Shashak. [26]And Shamsherai, and
Shehariah, and Athaliah; [27]and
Jaareshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri,
were the sons of Jeroham. [28]These
were heads of fathers'houses
throughout their generations, chief
men; these dwelt in Jerusalem.

[29]And in Gibeon there dwelt the
father of Gibeon [, [a]Jeiel], whose
wife's name was Maacah; [30]and his
first-born son Abdon, and Zur, and
Kish, and Baal, and Nadab; [31]and
Gedor, and Ahio, and Zecher. [32]And
Mikloth begot Shimeah. And they also
dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem,
over against their brethren.

[33]And Ner begot Kish; and Kish
begot Saul; and Saul begot Jonathan,
and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and
Eshbaal. [34]And the son of Jonathan
was Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begot

[a] *See* ch. ix. 35.

Micah. [35]And the sons of Micah;
Pithon, and Melech, and Taarea, and
Ahaz. [36]And Ahaz begot Jehoaddah;
and Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, and
Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begot
Moza; [37]and Moza begot Binea;
Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son,
Azel his son. [38]And Azel had six sons,
whose names are these: Azrikam,
Bocru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and
Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were
the sons of Azel. [39]And the sons of
Eshek his brother: Ulam his firstborn,
Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the
third. [40]And the sons of Ulam were
mighty men of valour, archers; and
had many sons, and sons'sons, a
hundred and fifty. All these were of
the sons of Benjamin.

9 So all Israel were reckoned by
genealogies; and, behold, they are
written in the book of the kings of
Israel; and Judah was carried away
captive to Babylon because of their
transgression. [2]Now the first
inhabitants that dwelt in their
possessions in their cities were,
Israelites, the priests, the Levites, and
the Nethinim. [3]And in Jerusalem dwelt
of the children of Judah, and of the
children of Benjamin, and of the
children of Ephraim and Manasseh:
[4]Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of
Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani,
of the children of Perez the son of
Judah. [5]And of the Shilonites: Asaiah
the first-born and his sons. [6]And of the
sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their
brethren, six hundred and ninety. [7]And
of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son
of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah,
the son of Hassenuah, [8]and Ibneiah the
son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of
Uzzi, the son of Michri, and
Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the
son of Reuel, the son of Ibneiah; [9]and
their brethren, according to their
generations, nine hundred and fifty
and six. All these men were heads of
fathers'houses by their fathers'houses.

[10]And of the priests: Jedaiah, and
Jehoiarib, and Jachin; [11]and Azariah
the son of Hilkiah, the son of
Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son
of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the
ruler of the house of God; [12]and
Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of
Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and
Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of
Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the
son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer;
[13]and their brethren, heads of their
fathers'houses, a thousand and seven
hundred and threescore; very able men
for the work of the service of the
house of God.

[14]And of the Levites: Shemaiah the
son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam,
the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of
Merari; [15]and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and
Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica,
the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph;
[16]and Obadiah the son of Shemaiah,
the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun,
and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son
of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages
of the Netophathites.

[17]And the porters: Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brother Shallum the chief; [18]who hitherto waited in the king’s gate eastward; they were the porters for the camp of the children of Levi. [19]And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of his father’s house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the Tent; and their fathers had been over the camp of the Lord, keepers of the entry; [20]and Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, the Lord being with him. [21]Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tent of meeting. [22]All these that were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office. [23]So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the Lord, even the house of the Tent, by wards. [24]On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. [25]And their brethren, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them; [26]for the four chief porters were in a set office. These were the Levites.

They were also over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. [27]And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge thereof was upon them, and to them pertained the opening thereof morning by morning. [28]And certain of them had charge of the vessels of service; for by tale were they brought in and by tale were they taken out. [29]Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the holy vessels, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. [30]And some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. [31]And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were baked on griddles. [32]And some of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

[33]And these are the singers, heads of fathers’houses of the Levites, who dwelt in the chambers and were free from other service; for they were employed in their work day and night. [34]These were heads of fathers’houses of the Levites, by their generations, chief men; these dwelt at Jerusalem.

[35]And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife’s name was Maacah; [36]and his first-born son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab; [37]and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. [38]And Mikloth begot Shimeam. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

39 And Ner begot Kish; and Kish
begot Saul; and Saul begot Jonathan,
and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and
Eshbaal. 40 And the son of Jonathan
was Merib-baal; and [a]Merib-baal begot
Micah. 41 And the sons of Micah:
Pithon, and Melech, and Taharea[, [b]and
Ahaz]. 42 And Ahaz begot Jarah; and
Jarah begot Alemeth, and Azmaveth,
and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza.
43 And Moza begot Binea; and
Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son,
Azel his son. 44 And Azel had six sons,
whose names are these: Azrikam,
Bocru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and
Obadiah, and Hanan; these were the
sons of Azel.

10 Now the Philistines fought
against Israel; and the men of
Israel fled from before the Philistines,
and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.
2 And the Philistines followed hard
after Saul and after his sons; and the
Philistines slew Jonathan, and
Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons
of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore
against Saul, and the archers overtook
him; and he was in anguish by reason
of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his
armour-bearer: 'Draw thy sword, and
thrust me through therewith; lest these
uncircumcised come and make a mock
of me.' But his armour-bearer would
not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore
Saul took his sword, and fell upon it.
5 And when his armour-bearer saw that
Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon
his sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and
his three sons; and all his house died
together. 7 And when all the men of
Israel that were in the valley saw that
[Israel] fled, and that Saul and his sons
were dead, they forsook their cities,
and fled; and the Philistines came and
dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the
morrow, when the Philistines came to
strip the slain, that they found Saul and
his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And
they stripped him, and took his head,
and his armour, and sent into the land
of the Philistines round about, to carry
the tidings unto their idols, and to the
people. 10 And they put his armour in
the house of their gods, and fastened
his head in the house of Dagon. 11 And
when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that
the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all
the valiant men arose, and took away
the body of Saul, and the bodies of his
sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and
buried their bones under the terebinth
in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

13 So Saul died for his transgression
which he committed against the LORD,
because of the word of the LORD,
which he kept not; and also for that he
asked counsel of a ghost, to inquire
thereby, 14 and inquired not of the
LORD; therefore He slew him, and
turned the kingdom unto David the son
of Jesse.

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[a] Heb. *Meri-baal*.
[b] See ch. viii, 35.

**11** Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying: ‘Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. [2]In times past, even when Saul was king, it was thou that didst lead out and bring in Israel; and the LORD thy God said unto thee: Thou shalt feed My people Israel, and thou shalt be prince over My people Israel.’ [3]So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Samuel.

[4]And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem—the same is Jebus—and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. [5]And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David: ‘Thou shalt not come in hither.’ Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David. [6]And David said: ‘Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain.’ And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. [7]And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. [8]And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. [9]And David waxed greater and greater; for the LORD of hosts was with him.

[10]Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who held strongly with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. [11]And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the captains; he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them at one time.

[12]And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one of the three mighty men. [13]He was with David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. [14]But they stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great victory.

[15]And three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to David, unto the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of Rephaim. [16]And David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. [17]And David longed, and said: ‘Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! ’ [18]And the three broke through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; but David would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD, [19]and said: ‘My God forbid it me, that I should do this; shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it.’ Therefore he would not

drink it. These things did the three
mighty men.
[20]And [a]Abishai, the brother of Joab,
he was chief of the three; for he lifted
up his spear against three hundred and
slew them, and had a name among the
three. [21]Of the three in the second rank
he was the most honourable, and was
made their captain; howbeit he
attained not to the first three.
[22]Beniah the son of Jehoiada, the
son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who
had done mighty deeds, he smote the
two altar-hearths of Moab; he went
down also and slew a lion in the midst
of a pit in time of snow. [23]And he slew
an Egyptian, a man of great stature,
five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's
hand was a spear like a weaver's
beam; and he went down to him with a
staff, and plucked the spear out of the
Egyptian's hand, and slew him with
his own spear. [24]These things did
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a
name among the three mighty men.
[25]Behold, he was more honourable
than the thirty, but he attained not to
the first three; and David set him over
his guard.
[26]Also the mighty men of valour:
Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan
the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem;
[27]Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the
Pelonite; [28]Ira the son of Ikkesh the
Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite;
[29]Sibbecai the Hushathite, Ilai the
Ahohite; [30]Mahrai the Netophathite,
Heled the son of Baanah the
Netophathite; [31]Ithai the son of Ribai
of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin,
Benaiah the Pirathonite; [32]Hurai of
Nahale-gaash, Abiel the Arbathite;
[33]Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba
the Shaalbonite; [34]the sons of Hashem
the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of
Shageh the Hararite; [35]Ahiam the son
of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphal the son
of Ur; [36]Hepher the Mecherathite,
Ahijah the Pelonite; [37]Hezro the
Carmelite, Naarai the son of Ezbai;
[38]Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar
the son of Hagri; [39]Zelek the
Ammonite, Nahrai the Berothite, the
armour-bearer of Joab the son of
Zeruiah; [40]Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the
Ithrite; [41]Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the
son of Ahlai; [42]Adina the son of Shiza
the Reubenite, a chief of the
Reubenites, and thirty with him;
[43]Hanan the son of Maacah, and
Joshaphat the Mithnite; [44]Uzzia the
Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons
of Hotham the Aroerite; [45]Jediael the
son of Shimri, and Joha his brother,
the Tizite; [46]Eliel the Mahavite, and
Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of
Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite;
[47]Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the
Mezobaite.

12 Now these are they that came
to David to Ziklag, while he
was yet shut up because of Saul the
son of Kish; and they were among the
mighty men, his helpers in war. [2]They
were armed with bows, and could use
both the right hand and the left in

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[a] Heb. *Abshai*.

slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow; they were of Saul’s brethren of Benjamin. 3 The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Beracah, and Jehu the Anathothite; 4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; 5 and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite; 6 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Hariphite; 7 Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; 8 and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of the troop.

9 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David to the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valour, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; 10 Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third; 11 Mashmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth; 12 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh; 13 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth; 14 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. 15 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host; he that was least was equal to a hundred, and the greatest to a thousand. 16 These are they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflown all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

17 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold unto David. 18 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them: ‘If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you; but if ye be come to betray me to mine adversaries, seeing there is no wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and give judgment.’ 19 Then the spirit clothed Amasai, who was chief of the captains:

Thine are we, David,
And on thy side, thou son of Jesse;
Peace, peace be unto thee,
And peace be to thy helpers;
For thy God helpeth thee.

Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

20 Of Manasseh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but [a]they helped them not; for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying: ‘He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads.’ 21 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands that were of Manasseh. 22 And they helped David against the troop, for they were all mighty men of valour, and were

[a] That is, David and his men.

captains in the host. [23]For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great host, like the host of God.

[24]And these are the numbers of the heads of them that were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord. [25]The children of Judah that bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, armed for war. [26]Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valour for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. [27]Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. [28]And Jehoiada was the leader of the house of Aaron, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred; [29]and Zadok, a young man mighty of valour, and of his father's house twenty and two captains. [30]And of the children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand; for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. [31]And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valour, famous men in their fathers'houses. [32]And of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. [33]And of the children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. [34]Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, with all manner of instruments of war, fifty thousand; and that could order the battle array, and were not of double heart. [35]And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. [36]And of the Danites that could set the battle in array, twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. [37]And of Asher, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, forty thousand. [38]And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred and twenty thousand. [39]All these, being men of war, that could order the battle array, came with a whole heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. [40]And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brethren had made preparation for them. [41]Moreover they that were nigh unto them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, victual of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance; for there was joy in Israel.

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. [2]And David said unto all the assembly

of Israel: ‘If it seem good unto you,
and if it be of the Lord our God, let us
send abroad everywhere unto our
brethren that are left in all the land of
Israel, and with them to the priests and
Levites that are in their cities that have
open land about them, that they may
gather themselves unto us; 3and let us
bring back the ark of our God to us;
for we sought not unto it in the days of
Saul.’ 4And all the assembly said that
they would do so; for the thing was
right in the eyes of all the people. 5So
David assembled all Israel together,
from Shihor the brook of Egypt even
unto the entrance of Hamath, to bring
the ark of God from Kiriath-jearim.

6And David went up, and all Israel,
to Baalah, that is, to Kiriath-jearim,
which belonged to Judah, to bring up
from thence the ark of God, the Lord
that sitteth upon the cherubim,
whereon is called the Name. 7And they
set the ark of God upon a new cart,
[and brought it] out of the house of
Abinadab; and Uzza and Ahio drove
the cart. 8And David and all Israel
played before God with all their might;
even with songs, and with harps, and
with psalteries, and with timbrels, and
with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9And
when they came unto the threshing-
floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his
hand to hold the ark; for the oxen
stumbled. 10And the anger of the Lord
was kindled against Uzza, and He
smote him, because he put forth his
hand to the ark; and there he died
before God. 11And David was
displeased, because the Lord had
broken forth upon Uzza; and that place
was called [a]Perez-uzza unto this day.
12And David was afraid of God that
day, saying: ‘How shall I bring the ark
of God home to me?’ 13So David
removed not the ark unto him into the
city of David, but carried it aside into
the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.
14And the ark of God remained with
the family of Obed-edom in his house
three months; and the Lord blessed the
house of Obed-edom, and all that he
had.

14 And Huram king of Tyre sent
messengers to David, and
cedar-trees, and masons, and
carpenters, to build him a house. 2And
David perceived that the Lord had
established him king over Israel, for
his kingdom was exalted exceedingly,
for His people Israel’s sake.

3And David took more wives at
Jerusalem; and David begot more sons
and daughters. 4And these are the
names of the children whom he had in
Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab,
Nathan, and Solomon; 5and Ibhar, and
Elishua, and Elpelet; 6and Nogah, and
Nepheg, and Japhia; 7and Elishama,
and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

8And when the Philistines heard
that David was anointed king over all
Israel, all the Philistines went up to
seek David; and David heard of it, and
went out to meet them. 9Now the
Philistines had come and made a raid

[a] That is, *The breach of Uzza*.

in the valley of Rephaim. [10]And David inquired of God, saying: ‘Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt Thou deliver them into my hand?’ And the Lord said unto him: ‘Go up; for I will deliver them into thy hand.’ [11]So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and David said: ‘God hath broken mine enemies by my hand, like the breach of waters.’ Therefore they called the name of that place [a]Baal-perazim. [12]And they left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with fire.

[13]And the Philistines yet again made a raid in the valley. [14]And David inquired again of God; and God said unto him: ‘Thou shalt not go up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees. [15]And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle; for God is gone out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.’ [16]And David did as God commanded him; and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. [17]And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15 And [David] made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. [2]Then David said: ‘None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites; for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of the Lord, and to minister unto Him for ever.’ [3]And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord unto its place, which he had prepared for it. [4]And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites; [5]of the sons of Kohath: Uriel the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twenty; [6]of the sons of Merari: Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty; [7]of the sons of Gershom: Joel the chief, and his brethren a hundred and thirty; [8]of the sons of Elizaphan: Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred; [9]of the sons of Hebron: Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore; [10]of the sons of Uzziel: Amminadab the chief, and his brethren a hundred and twelve. [11]And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, [12]and said unto them: ‘Ye are the heads of the fathers’houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel, unto the place that I have prepared for it. [13]For because ye [bore it] not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought Him not according to the ordinance.’ [14]So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel. [15]And the children of the

[a] That is, *The possessor of breaches*.

Levites bore the ark of God upon their shoulders with the bars thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the Lord.

[16]And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up the voice with joy. [17]So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah; [18]and with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphalehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. [19]So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan [, were appointed], with cymbals of brass to sound aloud; [20]and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to Alamoth; [21]and Mattithiah, and Eliphalehu, and Mikneiahu, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith, to lead. [22]And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over the song; he was master in the song, because he was skilful. [23]And Berechiah and Elkanah were door-keepers for the ark. [24]And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-edom and Jehiah were doorkeepers for the ark.

[25]So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. [26]And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that they sacrificed seven bullocks and seven rams. [27]And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bore the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the singers in the song; and David had upon him an ephod of linen. [28]Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord with shouting, and with sound of the horn, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with psalteries and harps. [29]And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and making merry; and she despised him in her heart.

**16** And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it, and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before God. [2]And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord. [3]And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and

woman, to every one a loaf of bread,
and a cake made in a pan, and a sweet
cake.

4 And he appointed certain of the
Levites to minister before the ark of
the LORD, and to celebrate and to thank
and praise the LORD, the God of Israel:
5 Asaph the chief, and second to him
Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth,
and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab,
and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and
Jeiel, with psalteries and with harps;
and Asaph with cymbals, sounding
aloud; 6 and Benaiah and Jahaziel the
priests with trumpets continually,
before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day did David first
ordain to give thanks unto the LORD, by
the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 O give thanks unto the LORD, call
upon His name;
Make known His doings among the
peoples.
9 Sing unto Him, sing praises unto
Him;
Speak ye of all His marvellous
works.
10 Glory ye in His holy name;
Let the heart of them rejoice that
seek the LORD.
11 Seek ye the LORD and His strength;
Seek His face continually.
12 Remember His marvellous works
that He hath done,
His wonders, and the judgments of
His mouth;
13 O ye seed of Israel His servant,
Ye children of Jacob, His chosen
ones.
14 He is the LORD our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember His covenant for ever,
The word which He commanded to
a thousand generations;
16 [The covenant] which He made
with Abraham,
And His oath unto Isaac;
17 And He established it unto Jacob
for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting
covenant;
18 Saying: 'Unto thee will I give the
land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance.'

19 When ye were but a few men in
number,
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it,
20 And when they went about from
nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another
people,
21 He suffered no man to do them
wrong,
Yea, for their sake He reproved
kings:
22 'Touch not Mine anointed ones,
And do My prophets no harm.'

23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth;
Proclaim His salvation from day to
day.
24 Declare His glory among the
nations,
His marvellous works among all the
peoples.
25 For great is the LORD, and highly to
be praised;

He also is to be feared above all
gods.
[26]For all the gods of the peoples are
things of nought;
But the LORD made the heavens.
[27]Honour and majesty are before
Him;
Strength and gladness are in His
place.
[28]Ascribe unto the LORD, ye kindreds
of the peoples,
Ascribe unto the LORD glory and
strength.
[29]Ascribe unto the LORD the glory
due unto His name;
Bring an offering, and come before
Him;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness.
[30]Tremble before Him, all the earth;
The world also is established that it
cannot be moved.
[31]Let the heavens be glad, and let
the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the nations:
'The LORD reigneth.'
[32]Let the sea roar, and the fulness
thereof;
Let the field exult, and all that is
therein;
[33]Then shall the trees of the wood
sing for joy,
Before the LORD, for He is come to
judge the earth.

[34]O give thanks unto the LORD; for
He is good;
For His mercy endureth for ever.
[35]And say ye: 'Save us, O God of
our salvation,
And gather us together and deliver
us from the nations,
That we may give thanks unto Thy
holy name,
That we may triumph in Thy
praise.'
[36]Blessed be the LORD, the God of
Israel,
From everlasting even to
everlasting.
And all the people said: 'Amen, 'and
praised the LORD.
[37]So he left there, before the ark of the
covenant of the LORD, Asaph and his
brethren, to minister before the ark
continually, as every day's work
required; [38]and Obed-edom with their
brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-
edom also the son of Jedithun and
Hosah to be door-keepers; [39]and Zadok
the priest, and his brethren the priests,
before the tabernacle of the LORD in
the high place that was at Gibeon, [40]to
offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD
upon the altar of burnt-offering
continually morning and evening, even
according to all that is written in the
Law of the LORD, which He
commanded unto Israel; [41]and with
them Heman and Jeduthun, and the
rest that were chosen, who were
mentioned by name, to give thanks to
the LORD, because His mercy endureth
for ever; [42]and with them Heman and
Jeduthun, to sound aloud with
trumpets and cymbals, and with
instruments for the songs of God; and

the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate.
43 And all the people departed every
man to his house; and David returned
to bless his house.

17 And it came to pass, when
David dwelt in his house, that
David said to Nathan the prophet: ‘Lo,
I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark
of the covenant of the Lord dwelleth
under curtains.’ 2 And Nathan said unto
David: ‘Do all that is in thy heart; for
God is with thee.’ 3 And it came to pass
the same night, that the word of God
came to Nathan, saying: 4 ’Go and tell
David My servant: Thus saith the
Lord: Thou shalt not build Me a house
to dwell in; 5 for I have not dwelt in a
house since the day that I brought up
Israel, unto this day; but have [gone]
from tent to tent, and from one
tabernacle [to another[. 6 In all places
wherein I have walked among all
Israel, spoke I a word with any of the
judges of Israel, whom I commanded
to feed My people, saying: Why have
ye not built Me a house of cedar?
7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say
unto My servant David: Thus saith the
Lord of hosts: I took thee from the
sheepcote, from following the sheep,
that thou shouldest be prince over My
people Israel; 8 and I have been with
thee whithersoever thou wentest, and
have cut off all thine enemies from
before thee; and I will make thee a
name, like unto the name of the great
ones that are in the earth. 9 And I will
appoint a place for My people Israel,
and will plant them, that they may
dwell in their own place, and be
disquieted no more; neither shall the
children of wickedness waste them any
more, as at the first, 10 even from the
day that I commanded judges to be
over My people Israel; and I will
subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I
tell thee that the Lord will build thee a
house. 11 And it shall come to pass,
when thy days are fulfilled that thou
must go to be with thy fathers, that I
will set up thy seed after thee, who
shall be of thy sons; and I will
establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build
Me a house, and I will establish his
throne for ever. 13 I will be to him for a
father, and he shall be to Me for a son;
and I will not take My mercy away
from him, as I took it from him that
was before thee; 14 but I will settle him
in My house and in My kingdom for
ever; and his throne shall be
established for ever.’ 15 According to
all these words, and according to all
this vision, so did Nathan speak unto
David.

16 Then David the king went in, and
sat before the Lord; and he said: ‘Who
am I, O Lord God, and what is my
house, that Thou hast brought me thus
far? 17 And this was a small thing in
Thine eyes, O God; but Thou hast
spoken of Thy servant’s house for a
great while to come, and hast regarded
me after the manner of a man of high
degree, O Lord God. 18 What can
David say yet more unto Thee
concerning the honour which is done
to Thy servant? for Thou knowest Thy

servant. 19 O LORD, for Thy servant's
sake, and according to Thine own
heart, hast Thou wrought all this
greatness, to make known all these
great things. 20 O LORD, there is none
like Thee, neither is there any God
beside Thee, according to all that we
have heard with our ears. 21 And who is
like Thy people Israel, a nation one in
the earth, whom God went to redeem
unto Himself for a people, to make
Thee a name by great and tremendous
things, in driving out nations from
before Thy people, whom Thou didst
redeem out of Egypt. 22 For Thy people
Israel didst Thou make Thine own
people for ever; and Thou, LORD,
becamest their God. 23 And now, O
LORD, let the word that Thou hast
spoken concerning Thy servant, and
concerning his house, be established
for ever, and do as Thou hast spoken.
24 Yea, let it be established, and let Thy
name be magnified for ever, that it
may be said: The LORD of hosts is the
God of Israel, even a God to Israel;
and the house of David Thy servant
shall be established before Thee. 25 For
Thou, O my God, hast revealed to Thy
servant that Thou wilt build him a
house; therefore hath Thy servant
taken heart to pray before Thee. 26 And
now, O LORD, Thou alone art God, and
hast promised this good thing unto
Thy servant; 27 and now it hath pleased
Thee to bless the house of Thy servant,
that it may continue for ever before
Thee; for Thou, O LORD, hast blessed,
and so let [Thy servant] be blessed for
ever.'

18 And after this it came to pass,
that David smote the
Philistines, and subdued them, and
took Gath and its towns out of the
hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the
Moabites became servants to David,
and brought presents.

3 And David smote Hadarezer king
of Zobah by Hamath, as he went to
establish his dominion at the river
Euphrates. 4 And David took from him
a thousand chariots, and seven
thousand horsemen, and twenty
thousand footmen; and David houghed
all the chariot horses, but reserved of
them for a hundred chariots. 5 And
when the Arameans of Damascus
came to succour Hadarezer king of
Zobah, David smote of the Arameans
two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then
David put [garrisons] in Aram
Damascus; and the Arameans became
servants to David, and brought
presents. And the LORD gave victory to
David whithersoever he went. 7 And
David took the shields of gold that
were on the servants of Hadarezer, and
brought them to Jerusalem. 8 And from
Tibhath and from Cun, cities of
Hadarezer, David took very much
brass, wherewith Solomon made the
brazen sea, and the pillars, and the
vessels of brass.

9 And when Tou king of Hamath
heard that David had smitten all the
host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, 10 he

sent Hadoram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him—because he had fought against Hadarezer and smitten him; for Hadarezer had wars with Tou—and [he had with him] all manner of vessels of gold and silver and brass. [11]These also did king David dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. [12]Moreover [a]Abishai the son of Zeruiah smote of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. [13]And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

[14]And David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. [15]And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder. [16]And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was scribe; [17]and Beniah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

19 And it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. [2]And David said: ‘l will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me.’ So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. [3]But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun: ‘Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land?’ [4]So Hanun took David’s servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their hips, and sent them away. [5]Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said: ‘Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.’

[6]And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Aram-naharaim, and out of Aram-maacah, and out of Zobah. [7]So they hired them thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people; who came and encamped before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. [8]And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the

[a] Heb. *Abshai*, and in xix. 11, 15.

host of the mighty men. 9And the
children of Ammon came out and put
the battle in array at the gate of the
city; and the kings that were come
were by themselves in the field.

10Now when Joab saw that the
battle was set against him before and
behind, he chose of all the choice men
of Israel, and put them in array against
the Arameans. 11And the rest of the
people he committed into the hand of
Abishai his brother, and they put
themselves in array against the
children of Ammon. 12And he said: ‘If
the Arameans be too strong for me,
then thou shalt help me; but if the
children of Ammon be too strong for
thee, then I will help thee. 13Be of
good courage, and let us prove strong
for our people, and for the cities of our
God; and the LORD do that which
seemeth Him good.’ 14So Joab and the
people that were with him drew nigh
unto the battle to meet the Arameans;
and they fled before him. 15And when
the children of Ammon saw that the
Arameans were fled, they likewise fled
before Abishai his brother, and entered
into the city. Then Joab came to
Jerusalem.

16And when the Arameans saw that
they were put to the worse before
Israel, they sent messengers, and
brought out the Arameans that were
beyond the River, with Shophach the
captain of the host of Hadarezer at
their head. 17And it was told David;
and he gathered all Israel together, and
passed over the Jordan, and came upon
them, and set the battle in array against
them. So when David had put the
battle in array against the Arameans,
they fought with him. 18And the
Arameans fled before Israel; and
David slew of the Arameans the men
of seven thousand chariots, and forty
thousand footmen, and killed
Shophach the captain of the host.
19And when the servants of Hadarezer
saw that they were put to the worse
before Israel, they made peace with
David, and served him; neither would
the Arameans help the children of
Ammon any more.

20 And it came to pass, at the
time of the return of the year,
at the time when kings go out to battle,
that Joab led forth the power of the
army, and wasted the country of the
children of Ammon, and came and
besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at
Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah,
and overthrew it. 2And David took the
crown of Malcam from off his head,
and found it to weigh a talent of gold,
and there were precious stones in it;
and it was set upon David’s head; and
he brought forth the spoil of the city,
exceeding much. 3And he brought
forth the people that were therein, and
cut them with saws, and with harrows
of iron, and with axes. And thus did
David unto all the cities of the children
of Ammon. And David and all the
people returned to Jerusalem.

4And it came to pass after this, that
there arose war at Gezer with the
Philistines; then Sibbecai the

Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of the giants; and they were subdued. 5And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 6And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six [on each hand], and six [on each foot]; and he also was born unto the giant. 7And when he taunted Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

21 And Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people: 'Go, number Israel from Beersheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them.' 3And Joab said: 'The Lord make His people a hundred times so many more as they are; but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt unto Israel?' 4Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. 5And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword; and Judah was four hundred three-score and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6But Levi and Benjamin he did not number among them; for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

7And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He smote Israel. 8And David said unto God: 'I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing; but now, put away, I beseech Thee, the iniquity of Thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.' 9And the Lord spoke unto Gad, David's seer, saying: 10'Go and speak unto David, saying: Thus saith the Lord: I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.' 11So Gad came to David, and said unto him: 'Thus saith the Lord: Take which thou wilt: 12either three years of famine; or three months to be swept away before thy foes, while the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the Lord, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to Him that sent me.' 13And David said unto Gad: 'I am in a great strait; let me fall now into the hand of the Lord, for very great are His mercies; and let me not fall into the hand of man.'

14So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. 15And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it; and as he was about to destroy, the Lord beheld, and He repented Him of

the evil, and said to the destroying angel: ‘It is enough; now stay thy hand.’ And the angel of the LORD was standing by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. [16]And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD standing between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. [17]And David said unto God: ‘Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let Thy hand, I pray Thee, O LORD my God, be against me, and against my father’s house; but not against Thy people, that they should be plagued.’

[18]Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. [19]And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spoke in the name of the LORD. [20]And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. [21]And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed down to David with his face to the ground. [22]Then David said to Ornan: ‘Give me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto the LORD; for the full price shalt thou give it me; that the plague may be stayed from the people.’ [23]And Ornan said unto David: ‘Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes; lo, I give thee the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing-instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal-offering; I give it all’[24]And king David said to Ornan: ‘Nay, but I will verily buy it for the full price; for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer a burnt-offering without cost.’ [25]So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. [26]And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering. [27]And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword back into the sheath thereof.

[28]At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. [29]For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. [30]But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was terrified because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

22 Then David said: ‘This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of burnt-offering for Israel.’

[2]And David commanded to gather
together the strangers that were in the
land of Israel; and he set masons to
hew wrought stones to build the house
of God. [3]And David prepared iron in
abundance for the nails for the doors
of the gates, and for the couplings; and
brass in abundance without weight;
[4]and cedar-trees without number; for
the Zidonians and they of Tyre
brought cedar-trees in abundance to
David. [5]And David said: ‘Solomon my
son is young and tender, and the house
that is to be builded for the Lord must
be exceeding magnificent, of fame and
of glory throughout all countries; I will
therefore make preparation for him.’
So David prepared abundantly before
his death.

[6]Then He called for Solomon his
son, and charged him to build a house
for the Lord, the God of Israel. [7]And
David said to Solomon: ‘My son, as
for me, it was in my heart to build a
house unto the name of the Lord my
God. [8]But the word of the Lord came
to me, saying: Thou hast shed blood
abundantly, and hast made great wars;
thou shalt not build a house unto My
name, because thou hast shed much
blood upon the earth in My sight.
[9]Behold, a son shall be born to thee,
who shall be a man of rest; and I will
give him rest from all his enemies
round about; for his name shall be
[a]Solomon, and I will give peace and
quietness unto Israel in his days. [10]He
shall build a house for My name; and
he shall be to Me for a son, and I will
be to him for a father; and I will
establish the throne of his kingdom
over Israel for ever. [11]Now, my son,
the Lord be with thee; and prosper
thou, and build the house of the Lord
thy God, as He hath spoken
concerning thee. [12]Only the Lord give
thee discretion and understanding, and
give thee charge concerning Israel;
that so thou mayest keep the law of the
Lord thy God. [13]Then shalt thou
prosper, if thou observe to do the
statutes and the ordinances which the
Lord charged Moses with concerning
Israel; be strong, and of good courage;
fear not, neither be dismayed. [14]Now,
behold, in my straits I have prepared
for the house of the Lord a hundred
thousand talents of gold, and a
thousand thousand talents of silver;
and of brass and iron without weight,
for it is in abundance; timber also and
stone have I prepared; and thou mayest
add thereto. [15]Moreover there are
workmen with thee in abundance,
hewers and workers of stone and
timber, and all men that are skilful in
any manner of work; [16]of the gold, the
silver, and the brass, and the iron,
there is no number. Arise and be
doing, and the Lord be with thee.’

[17]David also commanded all the
princes of Israel to help Solomon his
son: [18]‘Is not the Lord your God with
you? and hath He not given you rest
on every side? for He hath delivered
the inhabitants of the land into my

[a] That is, *Peaceful*.

hand; and the land is subdued before
the Lord, and before His people.
19Now set your heart and your soul to
seek after the Lord your God; arise
therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of
the Lord God, to bring the ark of the
covenant of the Lord, and the holy
vessels of God, into the house that is to
be built to the name of the Lord.'

23 Now David was old and full of
days; and he made Solomon
his son king over Israel. 2And he
gathered together all the princes of
Israel, with the priests and the Levites.
3And the Levites were numbered from
thirty years old and upward; and their
number by their polls, man by man,
was thirty and eight thousand. 4Of
these, twenty and four thousand were
to oversee the work of the house of the
Lord; and six thousand were officers
and judges; 5and four thousand were
doorkeepers; and four thousand
praised the Lord 'with the instruments
which I made to praise therewith.'

6And David divided them into
courses according to the sons of Levi:
Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 7Of the
Gershonites: Ladan, and Shimei. 8The
sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, and
Zetham, and Joel, three. 9The sons of
Shimei: Shelomith, and Haziel, and
Haran, three. These were the heads of
the fathers'houses of Ladan. 10And the
sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, and
Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the
sons of Shimei. 11And Jahath was the
chief, and Zizah the second; but Jeush
and Beriah had not many sons;
therefore they became a fathers'house
in one reckoning.

12The sons of Kohath: Amram,
Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. 13The
sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses;
and Aaron was separated, that he
should be sanctified as most holy, he
and his sons for ever, to offer before
the Lord, to minister unto Him, and to
bless in His name for ever. 14But as for
Moses the man of God, his sons are
named among the tribe of Levi. 15The
sons of Moses: Gershom, and Eliezer.
16The sons of Gershom: Shebuel the
chief. 17And the sons of Eliezer were:
Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had
no other sons; but the sons of
Rehabiah were very many. 18The sons
of Izhar: Shelomith the chief. 19The
sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief,
Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third,
and Jekameam the fourth. 20The sons
of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Isshiah
the second.

21The sons of Merari: Mahli, and
Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar,
and Kish. 22And Eleazar died, and had
no sons, but daughters only; and their
brethren the sons of Kish took them to
wife. 23The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and
Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24These were the sons of Levi after
their fathers'houses, even the heads of
the fathers'houses, according to their
muster, in the number of names by
their polls, who did the work for the
service of the house of the Lord, from
twenty years old and upward. 25For
David said: 'The Lord, the God of

Israel, hath given rest unto His people,
and He dwelleth in Jerusalem for ever;
26 and also the Levites shall no more
have need to carry the tabernacle and
all the vessels of it for the service
thereof.’ 27 For by the last ordinances
of David the sons of Levi were
numbered from twenty years old and
upward. 28 For their station was at the
side of the sons of Aaron for the
service of the house of the Lord, in the
courts, and in the chambers, and in the
purifying of all holy things, even the
work of the service of the house of
God; 29 for the showbread also, and for
the fine flour for a meal-offering,
whether of unleavened wafers, or of
that which is baked on the griddle, or
of that which is soaked, and for all
manner of measure and size; 30 and to
stand every morning to thank and
praise the Lord, and likewise at even;
31 and to offer all burnt-offerings unto
the Lord, on the sabbaths, on the new
moons, and in the appointed seasons,
in number according to the ordinance
concerning them, continually, before
the Lord; 32 and that they should keep
the charge of the tent of meeting, and
the charge of the holy place, and the
charge of the sons of Aaron their
brethren, for the service of the house
of the Lord.

24 And the courses of the sons of
Aaron were these. The sons of
Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and
Ithamar. 2 But Nadab and Abihu died
before their father, and had no
children; therefore Eleazar and
Ithamar executed the priest’s office.
3 And David with Zadok of the sons of
Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of
Ithamar, divided them according to
their ordering in their service. 4 And
there were more chief men found of
the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of
Ithamar; and thus were they divided:
of the sons of Eleazar there were
sixteen, heads of fathers’houses; and
of the sons of Ithamar, according to
their fathers’houses, eight. 5 Thus were
they divided by lot, one sort with
another; for they were princes of the
sanctuary and princes of God, both of
the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of
Ithamar. 6 And Shemaiah the son of
Nethanel the scribe, who was of the
Levites, wrote them in the presence of
the king, and the princes, and Zadok
the priest, and Ahimelech the son of
Abiathar, and the heads of the
fathers’houses of the priests and of the
Levites: one father’s house being taken
for Eleazar, and proportionately for
Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to
Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah; 8 the
third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim;
9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to
Mijamin; 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the
eighth to Abijah; 11 the ninth to Jeshua,
the tenth to Shecaniah; 12 the eleventh
to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim; 13 the
thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to
Jeshebeab; 14 the fifteenth to Bilgah,
the sixteenth to Immer; 15 the
seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to
Happizzez; 16 the nineteenth to

Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkel;
17the one and twentieth to Jachin, the
two and twentieth to Gamul; 18the
three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four
and twentieth to Maaziah. 19These
were the orderings of them in their
service, to come into the house of the
Lord according to the ordinance given
unto them by the hand of Aaron their
father, as the Lord, the God of Israel,
had commanded him.

20And of the rest of the sons of
Levi: of the sons of Amram, Shubael;
of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21Of
Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah,
Isshiah the chief. 22Of the Izharites,
Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth,
Jahath. 23And Benai, Jeriah, Amariah
the second, Jahaziel the third,
Jekameam the fourth. 24The sons of
Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah,
Shamir. 25The brother of Micah,
Isshiah; of the sons of Isshiah,
Zechariah. 26The sons of Merari: Mahli
and Mushi; the sons of Jaaziah, his
son, 27even the sons of Merari through
Jaaziah his son: Shoham, and Zaccur,
and Ibri. 28Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had
no sons. 29Of Kish: the sons of Kish,
Jerahmeel. 30And the sons of Mushi:
Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These
were the sons of the Levites after their
fathers'houses. 31These likewise cast
lots even as their brethren the sons of
Aaron in the presence of David the
king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and
the heads of the fathers'houses of the
priests and of the Levites; the
fathers'houses of the chief even as
those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover David and the
captains of the host separated
for the service certain of the sons of
Asaph, and of Heman, and of
Jeduthun, who should prophesy with
harps, with psalteries, and with
cymbals; and the number of them that
did the work according to their service
was: 2of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur,
and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and
Asarelah, the sons of Asaph; under the
hand of Asaph, who prophesied
according to the direction of the king.
3Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun:
Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah,
Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six; under
the hands of their father Jeduthun with
the harp, who prophesied in giving
thanks and praising the Lord. 4Of
Heman: the sons of Heman: Bukkiah,
Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and
Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah,
Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer,
Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir,
Mahazioth; 5all these were the sons of
Heman the king's seer in the things
pertaining to God, to lift up the horn.
And God gave to Heman fourteen sons
and three daughters. 6All these were
under the hands of their fathers for
song in the house of the Lord, with
cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the
service of the house of God, according
to the direction of the king—Asaph,
Jeduthun, and Heman. 7And the
number of them, with their brethren
that were instructed in singing unto the

LORD, even all that were skilful, was
two hundred fourscore and eight. 8And
they cast lots ward against [ward], as
well the small as the great, the teacher
as the scholar.

9Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph;

The second to Gedaliah; he and his brethren and sons were twelve;

10The third to Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

11The fourth to Izri, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

12The fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

13The sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

14The seventh to Jesarelah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

15The eighth to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

16The ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

17The tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

18The eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

19The twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

20For the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

21For the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

22For the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

23For the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

24For the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

25For the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve; 2

6For the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

27For the twentieth to Eliathah, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

28For the one and twentieth to Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

29For the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

30For the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve;

31For the four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

26 For the courses of the
doorkeepers: of the Korahites:
Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the
sons of Asaph. 2And Meshelemiah had
sons: Zechariah the first-born, Jediael
the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel
the fourth; 3Elam the fifth, Jehohanan
the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. 4And
Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the
first-born, Jehozabad the second, Joah
the third, and Sacar the fourth, and
Nethanel the fifth; 5Ammiel the sixth,
Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the
eighth; for God blessed him. 6Also
unto Shemaiah his son were sons born,
that ruled over the house of their
father; for they were mighty men of

valour. [7]The sons of Shemaiah: Othni,
and Rephael and Obed and Elzabad his
brethren, valiant men; Elihu also, and
Semachiah. [8]All these were of the sons
of Obed-edom: they and their sons and
their brethren, able men in strength for
the service; threescore and two of
Obed-edom. [9]And Meshelemiah had
sons and brethren, valiant men,
eighteen. [10]Also Hosah, of the children
of Merari, had sons: Shimri the
chief—for though he was not the
firstborn, yet his father made him
chief—[11]Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah
the third, Zechariah the fourth; all the
sons and brethren of Hosah were
thirteen.

[12]These courses of the doorkeepers,
even the chief men, had wards over
against their brethren, to minister in
the house of the LORD. [13]And they cast
lots, as well the small as the great,
according to their fathers'houses, for
every gate. [14]And the lot eastward fell
to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his
son, a discreet counsellor, they cast
lots; and his lot came out northward.
[15]To Obed-edom southward; and to his
sons the Storehouse. [16]To Shuppim
and Hosah westward, by the gate of
Shallecheth, at the causeway that
goeth up, ward against ward.
[17]Eastward were six Levites,
northward four a day, southward four a
day, and for the Storehouse two and
two. [18]For the Precinct westward, four
at the causeway, and two at the
Precinct. [19]These were the courses of
the doorkeepers; of the sons of the
Korahites, and of the sons of Merari.

[20]And of the Levites, Ahijah was
over the treasuries of the house of
God, and over the treasuries of the
hallowed things. [21]The sons of Ladan,
the sons of the Gershonites belonging
to Ladan, the heads of the
fathers'houses belonging to Ladan the
Gershonite: Jehieli. [22]The sons of
Jehieli: Zetham, and Joel his brother,
over the treasuries of the house of the
LORD. [23]Of the Amramites, of the
Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the
Uzzielites; [24]Shebuel the son of
Gershom, the son of Moses, was ruler
over the treasuries. [25]And his brethren
by Eliezer: Rehabiah his son, and
Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son,
and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his
son. [26]This [a]Shelomith and his brethren
were over all the treasuries of the
dedicated things, which David the
king, and the heads of the
fathers'houses, the captains over
thousands and hundreds, and the
captains of the host, had dedicated.
[27]Out of the spoil won in battles did
they dedicate to repair the house of the
LORD. [28]And all that Samuel the seer,
and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner
the son of Ner, and Joab the son of
Zeruiah, had dedicated; whosoever had
dedicated any thing, it was under the
hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

[29]Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and
his sorts were for the outward business

[a] Heb. *Shelomoth.*

over Israel, for officers and judges.
30Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his
brethren, men of valour, a thousand
and seven hundred, had the oversight
of Israel beyond the Jordan westward;
for all the business of the LORD, and
for the service of the king. 31Of the
Hebronites was Jerijah the chief, even
of the Hebronites, according to their
generations by fathers'houses. In the
fortieth year of the reign of David they
were sought for, and there were found
among them mighty men of valour at
Jazer of Gilead. 32And his brethren,
men of valour, were two thousand and
seven hundred, heads of
fathers'houses, whom king David
made overseers over the Reubenites,
and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of
the Manassites, for every matter
pertaining to God, and for the affairs
of the king.

27 Now the children of Israel
after their number, to wit, the
heads of fathers'houses and the
captains of thousands and of hundreds,
and their officers that served the king,
in any matter of the courses which
came in and went out month by month
throughout all the months of the year,
of every course were twenty and four
thousand. 2Over the first course for the
first month was Jashobeam the son of
Zabdiel; and in his course were twenty
and four thousand. 3Of the children of
Perez was he, and the chief of all the
captains of the host for the first month.
4And over the course of the second
month was Dodai the Ahohite, and his
course, and Mikloth the ruler; and in
his course were twenty and four
thousand. 5The third captain of the
host for the third month was Benaiah
the son of Jehoiada, the priest, chief;
and in his course were twenty and four
thousand. 6This is that Benaiah, who
was the mighty man of the thirty, and
over the thirty; and of his course was
Ammizabad his son. 7The fourth
captain for the fourth month was
Asahel the brother of Joab, and
Zebadiah his son after him; and in his
course were twenty and four thousand.
8The fifth captain for the fifth month
was Shamhuth the Izrahite; and in his
course were twenty and four thousand.
9The sixth captain for the sixth month
was Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite;
and in his course were twenty and four
thousand. 10The seventh captain for the
seventh month was Helez the Pelonite,
of the children of Ephraim; and in his
course were twenty and four thousand.
11The eighth captain for the eighth
month was Sibbecai the Hushathite, of
the Zerahites; and in his course were
twenty and four thousand. 12The ninth
captain for the ninth month was
Abiezer the Anathothite, of the
Benjamites; and in his course were
twenty and four thousand. 13The tenth
captain for the tenth month was
Mahrai, the Netophathite, of the
Zerahites; and in his course were
twenty and four thousand. 14The
eleventh captain for the eleventh
month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of
the children of Ephraim; and in his

course were twenty and four thousand.
15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth
month was Heldai the Netophathite, of
Othniel; and in his course were twenty
and four thousand.

16 Furthermore over the tribes of
Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer
the son of Zichri the ruler; of the
Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of
Maacah; 17 of Levi, Hashabiah the son
of Kemuel; of Aaron, Zadok; 18 of
Judah, Elihu, one of the brethren of
David; of Issachar, Omri the son of
Michael; 19 of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the
son of Obadiah; of Naphtali, Jerimoth
the son of Azriel; 20 of the children of
Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Azaziah;
of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Joel the
son of Pedaiah; 21 of the half-tribe of
Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of
Zechariah; of Benjamin, Jaasiel the
son of Abner; 22 of Dan, Azarel the son
of Jeroham. These were the captains of
the tribes of Israel. 23 But David took
not the number of them from twenty
years old and under; because the LORD
had said He would increase Israel like
to the stars of heaven. 24 Joab the son of
Zeruiah began to number, but finished
not; and there came wrath for this
upon Israel; neither was the number
put into the account in the chronicles
of king David.

25 And over the king's treasuries
was Azmaveth the son of Adiel; and
over the treasuries in the fields, in the
cities, and in the villages, and in the
towers, was Jonathan the son of
Uzziah; 26 and over them that did the
work of the field for tillage of the
ground was Ezri the son of Chelub;
27 and over the vineyards was Shimei
the Ramathite; and over the increase of
the vineyards for the wine-cellars was
Zabdi the Shiphmite; 28 and over the
olive-trees and the sycomore-trees that
were in the Lowland was Baal-hanan
the Gederite; and over the cellars of oil
was Joash; 29 and over the herds that
fed in Sharon was Shirtai the
Sharonite; and over the herds that were
in the valleys was Shaphat the son of
Adlai; 30 and over the camels was Obil
the Ishmaelite; and over the asses was
Jehdeiah the Meronothite; 31 and over
the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All
these were the rulers of the substance
which was king David's.

32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was
a counsellor, a man of understanding,
and a scribe; and Jehiel the son of
Hachmoni was with the king's sons;
33 and Ahithophel was the king's
counsellor; and Hushai the Archite
was the king's friend; 34 and after
Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of
Benaiah, and Abiathar; and the captain
of the king's host was Joab.

28 And David assembled all the
princes of Israel, the princes of
the tribes, and the captains of the
companies that served the king by
course, and the captains of thousands,
and the captains of hundreds, and the
rulers over all the substance and cattle
of the king and of his sons, with the
officers, and the mighty men, even all
the mighty men of valour, unto

Jerusalem. [2]Then David the king stood
up upon his feet, and said: ‘Hear me,
my brethren, and my people; as for
me, it was in my heart to build a house
of rest for the ark of the covenant of
the LORD, and for the footstool of our
God; and I had made ready for the
building. [3]But God said unto me: Thou
shalt not build a house for My name,
because thou art a man of war, and
hast shed blood. [4]Howbeit the LORD,
the God of Israel, chose me out of all
the house of my father to be king over
Israel for ever; for He hath chosen
Judah to be prince, and in the house of
Judah, the house of my father, and
among the sons of my father He took
pleasure in me to make me king over
all Israel; [5]and of all my sons—for the
LORD hath given me many sons—He
hath chosen Solomon my son to sit
upon the throne of the kingdom of the
LORD over Israel. [6]And He said unto
me: Solomon thy son, he shall build
My house and My courts; for I have
chosen him to be to Me for a son, and I
will be to him for a father. [7]And I will
establish his kingdom for ever, if he be
constant to do My commandments and
Mine ordinances, as at this day. [8]Now
therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the
congregation of the LORD, and in the
hearing of our God, observe and seek
out all the commandments of the LORD
your God; that ye may possess this
good land, and leave it for an
inheritance to your children after you
for ever.

[9]And thou, Solomon my son, know
thou the God of thy father, and serve
Him with a whole heart and with a
willing mind; for the LORD searcheth
all hearts, and understandeth all the
imaginations of the thoughts; if thou
seek Him, He will be found of thee;
but if thou forsake Him, He will cast
thee off for ever. [10]Take heed now; for
the LORD hath chosen thee to build a
house for the sanctuary; be strong, and
do it.’

[11]Then David gave to Solomon his
son the pattern of the porch [of the
temple], and of the houses thereof, and
of the treasuries thereof, and of the
upper rooms thereof, and of the inner
chambers thereof, and of the place of
the ark-cover; [12]and the pattern of all
that he had by the spirit, for the courts
of the house of the LORD, and for all
the chambers round about, for the
treasuries of the house of God, and for
the treasuries of the hallowed things;
[13]also for the courses of the priests and
the Levites, and for all the work of the
service of the house of the LORD, and
for all the vessels of service in the
house of the LORD: [14]of gold by weight
for the vessels of gold, for all vessels
of every kind of service; of silver for
all the vessels of silver by weight, for
all vessels of every kind of service;
[15]by weight also for the candlesticks of
gold, and for the lamps thereof, of
gold, by weight for every candlestick
and for the lamps thereof; and for the
candlesticks of silver, silver by weight
for every candlestick and for the lamps

thereof, according to the use of every
candlestick; [16]and the gold by weight
for the tables of showbread, for every
table; and silver for the tables of silver;
[17]and the flesh-hooks, and the basins,
and the jars, of pure gold; and for the
golden bowls by weight for every
bowl; and for the silver bowls by
weight for every bowl; [18]and for the
altar of incense refined gold by
weight; and gold for the pattern of the
chariot, even the cherubim, that spread
out their wings, and covered the ark of
the covenant of the Lord. [19]'All this
[do I give thee] in writing, as the Lord
hath made me wise by His hand upon
me, even all the works of this pattern.'

[20]And David said to Solomon his
son: 'Be strong and of good courage,
and do it; fear not, nor be dismayed;
for the Lord God, even my God, is
with thee; He will not fail thee, nor
forsake thee, until all the work for the
service of the house of the Lord be
finished. [21]And, behold, there are the
courses of the priests and the Levites,
for all the service of the house of God;
and there shall be with thee in all
manner of work every willing man that
hath skill, for any manner of service;
also the captains and all the people
will be wholly at thy commandment.'

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And David the king said unto
all the congregation: 'Solomon
my son, whom alone God hath chosen,
is yet young and tender, and the work
is great; for the palace is not for man,
but for the Lord God. [2]Now I have
prepared with all my might for the
house of my God the gold for the
things of gold, and the silver for the
things of silver, and the brass for the
things of brass, the iron for the things
of iron, and wood for the things of
wood; onyx stones, and stones to be
set, glistering stones, and of divers
colours, and all manner of precious
stones, and marble stones in
abundance. [3]Moreover also, because I
have set my affection on the house of
my God, seeing that I have a treasure
of mine own of gold and silver, I give
it unto the house of my God, over and
above all that I have prepared for the
holy house, [4]even three thousand
talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir,
and seven thousand talents of refined
silver, wherewith to overlay the walls
of the houses; [5]of gold for the things of
gold, and of silver for the things of
silver, and for all manner of work to be
made by the hands of artificers. Who
then offereth willingly to consecrate
himself this day unto the Lord?'

[6]Then the princes of the
fathers'houses, and the princes of the
tribes of Israel, and the captains of
thousands and of hundreds, with the
rulers over the king's work, offered
willingly; [7]and they gave for the
service of the house of God of gold
five thousand talents and ten thousand
darics, and of silver ten thousand
talents, and of brass eighteen thousand
talents, and of iron a hundred thousand
talents. [8]And they with whom precious
stones were found gave them to the
treasure of the house of the Lord,

under the hand of Jehiel the
Gershonite. [9]Then the people rejoiced,
for that they offered willingly, because
with a whole heart they offered
willingly to the LORD; and David the
king also rejoiced with great joy.

[10]Wherefore David blessed the
LORD before all the congregation; and
David said: ‘Blessed be Thou, O LORD,
the God of Israel our father, for ever
and ever. [11]Thine, O LORD, is the
greatness, and the power, and the
glory, and the victory, and the majesty;
for all that is in the heaven and in the
earth is Thine; Thine is the kingdom,
O LORD, and Thou art exalted as head
above all. [12]Both riches and honour
come of Thee, and Thou rulest over
all; and in Thy hand is power and
might; and in Thy hand it is to make
great, and to give strength unto all.
[13]Now therefore, our God, we thank
Thee, and praise Thy glorious name.
[14]But who am I, and what is my
people, that we should be able to offer
so willingly after this sort? for all
things come of Thee, and of Thine
own have we given Thee. [15]For we are
strangers before Thee, and sojourners,
as all our fathers were: our days on the
earth are as a shadow, and there is no
abiding. [16]O LORD our God, all this
store that we have prepared to build
Thee a house for Thy holy name
cometh of Thy hand, and is all Thine
own. [17]I know also, my God, that Thou
triest the heart, and hast pleasure in
uprightness. As for me, in the
uprightness of my heart I have
willingly offered all these things; and
now have I seen with joy Thy people,
that are present here, offer willingly
unto Thee. [18]O LORD, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our
fathers, keep this for ever, even the
imagination of the thoughts of the
heart of Thy people, and direct their
heart unto Thee; [19]and give unto
Solomon my son a whole heart, to
keep Thy commandments, Thy
testimonies, and Thy statutes, and to
do all these things, and to build the
palace, for which I have made,
provision.’

[20]And David said to all the
congregation: ‘Now bless the LORD
your God.’ And all the congregation
blessed the LORD, the God of their
fathers, and bowed down their heads,
and prostrated themselves before the
LORD, and before the king. [21]And they
sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and
offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD,
on the morrow after that day, even a
thousand bullocks, a thousand rams,
and a thousand lambs, with their drink-
offerings, and sacrifices in abundance
for all Israel; [22]and did eat and drink
before the LORD on that day with great
gladness. And they made Solomon the
son of David king the second time, and
anointed him unto the LORD to be
prince, and Zadok to be priest. [23]Then
Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD
as king instead of David his father, and
prospered; and all Israel hearkened to
him. [24]And all the princes, and the
mighty men, and all the sons likewise

of king David, submitted themselves
unto Solomon the king. 25And the
LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly
in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed
upon him such royal majesty as had
not been on any king before him in
Israel.

26Now David the son of Jesse
reigned over all Israel. 27And the time
that he reigned over Israel was forty
years: seven years reigned he in
Hebron, and thirty and three years
reigned he in Jerusalem. 28And he died
in a good old age, full of days, riches,
and honour; and Solomon his son
reigned in his stead. 29Now the acts of
David the king, first and last, behold,
they are written in the words of
Samuel the seer, and in the words of
Nathan the prophet, and in the words
of Gad the seer; 30with all his reign and
his might, and the times that went over
him, and over Israel, and over all the
kingdoms of the countries.

# דברי הימים ב
# SECOND CHRONICLES

**1** AND SOLOMON the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. [2]And Solomon spoke unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers'houses. [3]So Solomon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place that was at Gibeon; for there was the tent of meeting of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. [4]But the ark of God had David brought up from Kiriath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. [5]Moreover the brazen altar, that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, had been put before the tabernacle of the LORD; and Solomon and the congregation sought unto it. [6]And Solomon offered there, upon the brazen altar before the LORD, which was at the tent of meeting, he offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

[7]In that night did God, appear unto Solomon, and said unto him: 'Ask what I shall give thee.' [8]And Solomon said unto God: 'Thou hast shown great kindness unto David my father, and hast made me king in his stead. [9]Now, O LORD God, let Thy promise unto David my father be established; for Thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. [10]Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this Thy people, that is so great?' [11]And God said to Solomon: 'Because this was in thy heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of them that hate thee, neither yet hast asked long life, but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge My people, over whom I have made thee king; [12]wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee, and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like.' [13]So Solomon came [from his journey] to the high place that was at Gibeon, from before the tent of meeting, unto Jerusalem; and he reigned over Israel.

[14]And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. [15]And the king made silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore-trees that are in the Lowland, for abundance. [16]And the horses which Solomon had were

brought out of Egypt; also out of
Keve, the king's merchants buying
them of the men of Keve at a price.
17And they fetched up, and brought out
of Egypt a chariot for six hundred
shekels of silver, and a horse for a
hundred and fifty; and so for all the
kings of the Hittites, and the kings of
Aram, did they bring them out by their
means.

18Now Solomon purposed to build a
house for the name of the LORD, and a
2 house for his kingdom. 1And
Solomon counted out threescore
and ten thousand men to bear burdens,
and fourscore thousand men that were
hewers in the mountains, and three
thousand and six hundred to oversee
them. 2And Solomon sent to Huram
the king of Tyre, saying: 'As thou
didst deal with David my father, and
didst send him cedars to build him a
house to dwell therein [, even so deal
with me]. 3Behold, I am about to build
a house for the name of the LORD my
God, to dedicate it to Him, and to burn
before Him incense of sweet spices,
and for the continual showbread, and
for the burnt-offerings morning and
evening, on the sabbaths, and on the
new moons, and on the appointed
seasons of the LORD our God. This is
an ordinance for ever to Israel. 4And
the house which I build is great; for
great is our God above all gods. 5But
who is able to build Him a house,
seeing the heaven and the heaven of
heavens cannot contain Him? who am
I then, that I should build Him a house,
save only to offer before Him? 6Now
therefore send me a man skilful to
work in gold, and in silver, and in
brass, and in iron, and in purple, and
crimson, and blue, and that hath skill
to grave all manner of gravings, to be
with the skilful men that are with me
in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom
David my father did provide. 7Send
me also cedar-trees, cypress-trees, and
sandal-wood, out of Lebanon; for I
know that thy servants have skill to cut
timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my
servants shall be with thy servants,
8even to prepare me timber in
abundance; for the house which I am
about to build shall be great and
wonderful. 9And, behold, I will give to
thy servants, the hewers that cut
timber, twenty thousand measures of
beaten wheat, and twenty thousand
measures of barley, and twenty
thousand baths of wine, and twenty
thousand baths of oil.'

10Then Huram the king of Tyre
answered in writing, which he sent to
Solomon: 'Because the LORD loveth
His people, He hath made thee king
over them.' 11Huram said moreover:
'Blessed be the LORD, the God of
Israel, that made heaven and earth,
who hath given to David the king a
wise son, endued with discretion and
understanding, that should build a
house for the LORD, and a house for his
kingdom. 12And now I have sent a
skilful man, endued with
understanding, even Huram my master
craftsman, 13the son of a woman of the

daughters of Dan, and his father was a
man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold,
and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone,
and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in
fine linen, and in crimson; also to
grave any manner of graving, and to
devise any device; to do whatever may
be set before him, with thy skilful
men, and with the skilful men of my
lord David thy father. 14Now therefore
the wheat and the barley, the oil and
the wine, which my lord hath spoken
of, let him send unto his servants;
15and we will cut wood out of
Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need;
and we will bring it to thee in floats by
sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up
to Jerusalem.'

16And Solomon numbered all the
strangers that were in the land of
Israel, after the numbering wherewith
David his father had numbered them;
and they were found a hundred and
fifty thousand and three thousand and
six hundred. 17And he set threescore
and ten thousand of them to bear
burdens, and fourscore thousand to be
hewers in the mountains, and three
thousand and six hundred overseers to
set the people at work.

3 Then Solomon began to build the
house of the LORD at Jerusalem in
mount Moriah, where [the LORD]
appeared unto David his father; for
which provision had been made in the
Place of David, in the threshingfloor of
Ornan the Jebusite. 2And he began to
build in the second day of the second
month, in the fourth year of his reign.
3Now these are the foundations which
Solomon laid for the building of the
house of God. The length by cubits
after the ancient measure was
threescore cubits, and the breadth
twenty cubits. 4And the porch that was
before [the house], the length of it,
according to the breadth of the house,
was twenty cubits, and the height a
hundred and twenty; and he overlaid it
within with pure gold. 5And the greater
house he covered with cypress-wood,
which he overlaid with fine gold, and
wrought thereon palm-trees and
chains. 6And he garnished the house
with precious stones for beauty; and
the gold was gold of Parvaim. 7He
overlaid also the house, the beams, the
thresholds, and the walls thereof, and
the doors thereof, with gold; and
graved cherubim on the walls.

8And he made the most holy place;
the length thereof, according to the
breadth of the house, was twenty
cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty
cubits; and he overlaid it with fine
gold, amounting to six hundred talents.
9And the weight of the nails was fifty
shekels of gold. And he overlaid the
upper chambers with gold.

10And in the most holy place he
made two cherubim of image work;
and they overlaid them with gold.
11And the wings of the cherubim were
twenty cubits long: the wing of the one
cherub was five cubits, reaching to the
wall of the house; and the other wing
was likewise five cubits, reaching to
the wing of the other cherub. 12And the

wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. [13]The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits; and they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

[14]And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon.

[15]Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.

[16]And he made chains in the Sanctuary, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the chains. [17]And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

4 Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.

[2]Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. [3]And under it was the similitude of oxen, which did compass it round about, for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. [4]It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. [5]And it was a handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and held three thousand baths.

[6]He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

[7]And he made the ten candlesticks of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

[8]He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

[9]Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass.

[10]And he set the sea on the right side [of the house] eastward, toward the south.

[11]And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. So Huram made an end of doing the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of God: [12]the two pillars, and the

bowls, and the two capitals which
were on the top of the pillars; and the
two networks to cover the two bowls
of the capitals that were on the top of
the pillars; 13and the four hundred
pomegranates for the two networks:
two rows of pomegranates for each
network, to cover the two bowls of the
capitals that were upon the top of the
pillars. 14He made also the bases, and
the lavers made he upon the bases;
15one sea, and the twelve oxen under
it. 16The pots also, and the shovels, and
the flesh-hooks, and all the vessels
thereof, did Huram his master
craftsman make for king Solomon for
the house of the LORD of bright brass.
17In the plain of the Jordan did the king
cast them, in the clay ground between
Succoth and Zeredah. 18Thus Solomon
made all these vessels in great
abundance; for the weight of the brass
could not be found out.

19And Solomon made all the vessels
that were in the house of God, the
golden altar also, and the tables
whereon was the showbread; 20and the
candlesticks with their lamps, that they
should burn according to the ordinance
before the Sanctuary, of pure gold;
21and the flowers, and the lamps, and
the tongs, of gold, and that perfect
gold; 22and the snuffers, and the
basins, and the pans, and the fire-pans,
of pure gold. And as for the entry of
the house, the inner doors thereof for
the most holy place, and the doors of
the house, that is, of the temple, were
of gold.

5 Thus all the work that Solomon
wrought for the house of the LORD
was finished. And Solomon brought in
the things that David his father had
hallowed; even the silver, and the
gold, and all the vessels, and put them
in the treasuries of the house of God.

2Then Solomon assembled the
elders of Israel, and all the heads of the
tribes, the princes of the fathers'houses
of the children of Israel, unto
Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the
covenant of the LORD out of the city of
David, which is Zion. 3And all the men
of Israel assembled themselves unto
the king at the feast, which was in the
seventh month. 4And all the elders of
Israel came, and the Levites took up
the ark. 5And they brought up the ark,
and the tent of meeting, and all the
holy vessels that were in the Tent;
these did the priests and the Levites
bring up. 6And king Solomon and all
the congregation of Israel, that were
assembled unto him, were before the
ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that
could not be counted nor numbered for
multitude. 7And the priests brought in
the ark of the covenant of the LORD
unto its place, into the Sanctuary of the
house, to the most holy place, even
under the wings of the cherubim. 8For
the cherubim spread forth their wings
over the place of the ark, and the
cherubim covered the ark and the
staves thereof above. 9And the staves
were so long that the ends of the staves
were seen from the ark before the
Sanctuary; but they could not be seen

without; and there they are unto this day. [10]There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put there at Horeb, when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

[11]And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place—for all the priests that were present had sanctified themselves, and did not keep their courses; [12]also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brethren, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets—[13]it came even to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord: 'for He is good, for His mercy endureth for ever'; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord, [14]so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

6 Then spoke Solomon:
The LORD hath said that He would dwell in the thick darkness.
[2]But I have built Thee a house of habitation,
And a place for Thee to dwell in for ever.

[3]And the king turned his face, and blessed all the congregation of Israel; and all the congregation of Israel stood. [4]And he said: 'Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth unto David my father, and hath with His hands fulfilled it, saying: [5]Since the day that I brought forth My people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that My name might be there; neither chose I any man to be prince over My people Israel; [6]but I have chosen Jerusalem, that My name might be there; and have chosen David to be over My people Israel. [7]Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. [8]But the Lord said unto David my father: Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house for My name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart; [9]nevertheless thou shalt not build the house, but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for My name. [10]And the Lord hath established His word that He spoke; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. [11]And there have I set the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which He made with the children of Israel.'

[12]And he stood before the altar of
the LORD in the presence of all the
congregation of Israel, and spread
forth his hands—[13]for Solomon had
made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits
long, and five cubits broad, and three
cubits high, and had set it in the midst
of the court; and upon it he stood, and
kneeled down upon his knees before
all the congregation of Israel, and
spread forth his hands toward
heaven—[14]and he said: ‘O LORD, the
God of Israel, there is no God like
Thee, in the heaven, or in the earth;
who keepest covenant and mercy with
Thy servants, that walk before Thee
with all their heart; [15]who hast kept
with Thy servant David my father that
which Thou didst promise him; yea,
Thou spokest with Thy mouth, and
hast fulfilled it with Thy hand, as it is
this day. [16]Now therefore, O LORD, the
God of Israel, keep with Thy servant
David my father that which Thou hast
promised him, saying: There shall not
fail thee a man in My sight to sit on
the throne of Israel; if only thy
children take heed to their way, to
walk in My law as thou hast walked
before Me. [17]Now therefore, O LORD,
the God of Israel, let Thy word be
verified, which Thou spokest unto Thy
servant David.

[18]But will God in very truth dwell
with men on the earth? behold, heaven
and the heaven of heavens cannot
contain Thee; how much less this
house which I have builded! [19]Yet
have Thou respect unto the prayer of
Thy servant, and to his supplication, O
LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry
and to the prayer which Thy servant
prayeth before Thee; [20]that Thine eyes
may be open toward this house day
and night, even toward the place
whereof Thou hast said that thou
wouldest put Thy name there; to
hearken unto the prayer which Thy
servant shall pray toward this place.
[21]And hearken Thou to the
supplications of Thy servant, and of
Thy people Israel, when they shall
pray toward this place; yea, hear Thou
from Thy dwelling-place, even from
heaven; and when Thou hearest,
forgive.

[22]If a man sin against his neighbour,
and an oath be exacted of him to cause
him to swear, and he come and swear
before Thine altar in this house; [23]then
hear Thou from heaven, and do, and
judge Thy servants, requiting the
wicked, to bring his way upon his own
head; and justifying the righteous, to
give him according to his
righteousness.

[24]And if Thy people Israel be
smitten down before the enemy, when
they sin against Thee, and shall turn
again and confess Thy name, and pray
and make supplication before Thee in
this house; [25]then hear Thou from
heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy
people Israel, and bring them back
unto the land which Thou gavest to
them and to their fathers.

[26]When the heaven is shut up, and
there is no rain, when they sin against

Thee; if they pray toward this place,
and confess Thy name, turning from
their sin, when Thou dost afflict them;
[27]then hear Thou in heaven, and
forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of
Thy people Israel, when Thou dost
direct them on the good way wherein
they should walk; and send rain upon
Thy land, which Thou hast given to
Thy people for an inheritance.

[28]If there be in the land famine, if
there be pestilence, if there be blasting
or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their
enemies besiege them in the land of
their cities; whatsoever plague or
whatsoever sickness there be; [29]what
prayer and supplication soever be
made by any man, or by all Thy people
Israel, who shall know every man his
own plague and his own pain, and
shall spread forth his hands toward this
house; [30]then hear Thou from heaven
Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and
render unto every man according to all
his ways, whose heart Thou
knowest—for Thou, even Thou only,
knowest the hearts of the children of
men—[31]that they may fear Thee, to
walk in Thy ways, all the days that
they live in the land which Thou
gavest unto our fathers.

[32]Moreover concerning the stranger,
that is not of Thy people Israel, when
be shall come out of a far country for
Thy great name's sake, and Thy
mighty hand, and Thine outstretched
arm; when they shall come and pray
toward this house; [33]then hear Thou
from heaven, even from Thy dwelling-
place, and do according to all that the
stranger calleth to Thee for; that all the
peoples of the earth may know Thy
name, and fear Thee, as doth Thy
people Israel, and that they may know
that Thy name is called upon this
house which I have built.

[34]If Thy people go out to battle
against their enemies, by whatsoever
way Thou shalt send them, and they
pray unto Thee toward this city which
Thou hast chosen, and the house which
I have built for Thy name; [35]then hear
Thou from heaven their prayer and
their supplication, and maintain their
cause. [36]If they sin against Thee—for
there is no man that sinneth not—and
Thou be angry with them, and deliver
them to the enemy, so that they carry
them away captive unto a land far off
or near; [37]yet if they shall bethink
themselves in the land whither they are
carried captive, and turn, and make
supplication unto Thee in the land of
their captivity, saying: We have
sinned, we have done iniquitously, and
have dealt wickedly; [38]if they return
unto Thee with all their heart and with
all their soul in the land of their
captivity, whither they have carried
them captive, and pray toward their
land, which Thou gavest unto their
fathers, and the city which Thou hast
chosen, and toward the house which I
have built for Thy name; [39]then hear
Thou from heaven, even from Thy
dwelling-place, their prayer and their
supplications, and maintain their

cause; and forgive Thy people who
have sinned against Thee.
40Now, O my God, let, I beseech
Thee, Thine eyes be open, and let
Thine ears be attent, unto the prayer
that is made in this place.

41Now therefore arise, O Lord God,
into Thy resting-place,
Thou, and the ark of Thy strength;
Let Thy priests, O Lord God, be
clothed with salvation,
And let Thy saints rejoice in good.
42O Lord God, turn not away the
face of Thine anointed;
Remember the good deeds of David
Thy servant.’

7 Now when Solomon had made an
end of praying, the fire came
down from heaven, and consumed the
burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and
the glory of the Lord filled the house.
2And the priests could not enter into
the house of the Lord, because the
glory of the Lord filled the Lord’s
house. 3And all the children of Israel
looked on, when the fire came down,
and the glory of the Lord was upon the
house; and they bowed themselves
with their faces to the ground upon the
pavement, and prostrated themselves,
and gave thanks unto the Lord; ‘for He
is good, for His mercy endureth for
ever.’
4And the king and all the people
offered sacrifice before the Lord. 5And
king Solomon offered a sacrifice of
twenty and two thousand oxen, and a
hundred and twenty thousand sheep.
So the king and all the people
dedicated the house of God. 6And the
priests stood, according to their
offices; the Levites also with
instruments of music of the Lord,
which David the king had made, to
give thanks unto the Lord, for His
mercy endureth for ever, with the
praises of David by their hand; and the
priests sounded trumpets over against
them; and all Israel stood. 7Moreover
Solomon hallowed the middle of the
court that was before the house of the
Lord; for there he offered the burnt-
offerings, and the fat of the peace-
offerings; because the brazen altar
which Solomon had made was not able
to receive the burnt-offering, and the
meal-offering, and the fat.
8So Solomon held the feast at that
time seven days, and all Israel with
him, a very great congregation, from
the entrance of Hamath unto the Brook
of Egypt. 9And on the eighth day they
held a solemn assembly; for they kept
the dedication of the altar seven days,
and the feast seven days. 10And on the
three and twentieth day of the seventh
month he sent the people away unto
their tents, joyful and glad of heart for
the goodness that the Lord had shown
unto David, and to Solomon, and to
Israel His people.
11Thus Solomon finished the house
of the Lord, and the king’s house; and
all that came into Solomon’s heart to
make in the house of the Lord, and in
his own house, he prosperously
effected. 12And the Lord appeared to

Solomon by night, and said unto him: ‘I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice. 13If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people; 14if My people, upon whom My name is called, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15Now Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16For now have I chosen and hallowed this house, that My name may be there for ever; and Mine eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually. 17And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before Me as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep My statutes and Mine ordinances; 18then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I covenanted with David thy father, saying: There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. 19But if ye turn away, and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; 20then will I pluck them up by the roots out of My land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for My name, will I cast out of My sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. 21And this house, which is so high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall say: Why hath the Lord done thus unto this land, and to this house? 22And they shall answer: Because they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them; therefore hath He brought all this evil upon them.’

8 And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the Lord, and his own house, 2that the cities which Huram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

3And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. 4And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath. 5Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6and Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

7As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel; 8of their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, of them did

Solomon raise a levy of bondservants,
unto this day. 9But of the children of
Israel did Solomon make no servants
for his work; but they were men of
war, and chief of his captains, and
rulers of his chariots and of his
horsemen.

10And these were the chief officers
of king Solomon, even two hundred
and fifty, that bore rule over the
people.

11And Solomon brought up the
daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of
David unto the house that he had built
for her; for he said: ‘No wife of mine
shall dwell in the house of David king
of Israel, because the places are holy,
whereunto the ark of the Lord hath
come.’

12Then Solomon offered burnt-
offerings unto the Lord on the altar of
the Lord, which he had built before the
porch, 13even as the duty of every day
required, offering according to the
commandment of Moses, on the
sabbaths, and on the new moons, and
on the appointed seasons, three times
in the year, even in the feast of
unleavened bread, and in the feast of
weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.
14And he appointed, according to the
ordinance of David his father, the
courses of the priests to their service,
and the Levites to their charges, to
praise, and to minister before the
priests, as the duty of every day
required; the doorkeepers also by their
courses at every gate; for so had David
the man of God commanded. 15And
they departed not from the
commandment of the king unto the
priests and Levites concerning any
matter, or concerning the treasures.
16So all the work of Solomon was set
in order from the day of the foundation
of the house of the Lord, and until it
was finished. So the house of the Lord
was perfected.

17Then went Solomon to Ezion-
geber, and to Eloth, on the sea-shore in
the land of Edom. 18And Huram sent
him by the hands of his servants ships,
and servants that had knowledge of the
sea; and they came with the servants of
Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from
thence four hundred and fifty talents of
gold, and brought them to king
Solomon.

9 And when the queen of Sheba
heard of the fame of Solomon,
she came to prove Solomon with hard
questions at Jerusalem, with a very
great train, and camels that bore spices
and gold in abundance, and precious
stones; and when she was come to
Solomon, she spoke with him of all
that was in her heart. 2And Solomon
told her all her questions; and there
was not any thing hid from Solomon
which he told her not. 3And when the
queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom
of Solomon, and the house that he had
built, 4and the food of his table, and
the sitting of his servants, and the
attendance of his ministers, and their
apparel; his cupbearers also, and their
apparel; and his ascent by which he
went up into the house of the Lord;

there was no more spirit in her. [5]And
she said to the king: ‘It was a true
report that I heard in mine own land of
thine acts, and of thy wisdom.
[6]Howbeit I believed not their words,
until I came, and mine eyes had seen
it; and, behold, the half of the
greatness of thy wisdom was not told
me; thou exceedest the fame that I
heard. [7]Happy are thy men, and happy
are these thy servants, that stand
continually before thee, and hear thy
wisdom. [8]Blessed be the LORD thy
God, who delighted in thee, to set thee
on His throne, to be king for the LORD
thy God; because thy God loved Israel,
to establish them for ever, therefore
made He thee king over them, to do
justice and righteousness.’

[9]And she gave the king a hundred
and twenty talents of gold, and spices
in great abundance, and precious
stones; neither was there any such
spice as the queen of Sheba gave to
king Solomon. [10]And the servants also
of Huram, and the servants of
Solomon that brought gold from
Ophir, brought sandal-wood and
precious stones. [11]And the king made
of the sandal-wood paths for the house
of the LORD, and for the king’s house,
and harps and psalteries for the
singers; and there were none such seen
before in the land of Judah. [12]And king
Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba
all her desire, whatsoever she asked,
beside that which she had brought unto
the king. So she turned, and went to
her own land, she and her servants.

[13]Now the weight of gold that came
to Solomon in one year was six
hundred and threescore and six talents
of gold; [14]beside that which the
traffickers and merchants brought; and
all the kings of Arabia and the
governors of the country brought gold
and silver to Solomon. [15]And king
Solomon made two hundred targets of
beaten gold: six hundred shekels of
beaten gold went to one target; [16]three
hundred shields of beaten gold also:
three hundred shekels of gold went to
one shield; and the king put them in
the house of the forest of Lebanon.

[17]Moreover the king made a great
throne of ivory, and overlaid it with
pure gold. [18]And there were six steps
to the throne, with a footstool of gold,
which were fastened to the throne, and
arms on either side by the place of the
seat, and two lions standing beside the
arms. [19]And twelve lions stood there
on the one side and on the other upon
the six steps; there was not the like
made in any kingdom.

[20]And all king Solomon’s drinking-
vessels were of gold, and all the
vessels of the house of the forest of
Lebanon were of pure gold; silver was
nothing accounted of in the days of
Solomon. [21]For the king had ships that
went to Tarshish with the servants of
Huram; once every three years came
the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold,
and silver, ivory, and apes, and
peacocks.

[22]So king Solomon exceeded all the
kings of the earth in riches and

wisdom. 23And all the kings of the
earth sought the presence of Solomon,
to hear his wisdom, which God had
put in his heart. 24And they brought
every man his present, vessels of
silver, and vessels of gold, and
raiment, armour, and spices, horses,
and mules, a rate year by year.

25And Solomon had four thousand
stalls for horses and chariots, and
twelve thousand horsemen, that he
bestowed in the chariot cities, and with
the king at Jerusalem. 26And he ruled
over all the kings from the River even
unto the land of the Philistines, and to
the border of Egypt. 27And the king
made silver to be in Jerusalem as
stones, and cedars made he to be as the
sycamore-trees that are in the
Lowland, for abundance. 28And they
brought horses for Solomon out of
Egypt, and out of all lands.

29Now the rest of the acts of
Solomon, first and last, are they not
written in the words of Nathan the
prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah
the Shilonite, and in the visions of
Jedo the seer concerning Jeroboam the
son of Nebat? 30And Solomon reigned
in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years.
31And Solomon slept with his fathers;
they buried him in the city of David
his father; and Rehoboam his son
reigned in his stead.

10 And Rehoboam went to
Shechem; for all Israel were
come to Shechem to make him king.
2And it came to pass, when Jeroboam
the son of Nebat heard of it—for he
was in Egypt, whither he had fled from
the presence of king Solomon—that
Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. 3And
they sent and called him; and
Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they
spoke to Rehoboam, saying: 4'Thy
father made our yoke grievous; now
therefore make thou the grievous
service of thy father, and his heavy
yoke which he put upon us, lighter,
and we will serve thee.' 5And he said
unto them: 'Come again unto me after
three days.' And the people departed.

6And king Rehoboam took counsel
with the old men, that had stood before
Solomon his father while he yet lived,
saying: 'What counsel give ye me to
return answer to this people?' 7And
they spoke unto him, saying: 'If thou
be kind to this people, and please
them, and speak good words to them,
then they will be thy servants for
ever.' 8But he forsook the counsel of
the old men which they had given him,
and took counsel with the young men
that were grown up with him, that
stood before him. 9And he said unto
them: 'What counsel give ye, that we
may return answer to this people, who
have spoken to me, saying: Make the
yoke that thy father did put upon us
lighter?' 10And the young men that
were grown up with him spoke unto
him, saying: 'Thus shalt thou say unto
the people that spoke unto thee,
saying: Thy father made our yoke
heavy, but make thou it lighter unto
us; thus shalt thou say unto them: My
little finger is thicker than my father's

loins. 11 And now whereas my father
did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will
add to your yoke; my father chastised
you with whips, but I will chastise you
with scorpions.'
12 So Jeroboam and all the people
came to Rehoboam the third day, as
the king bade, saying: 'Come to me
again the third day.' 13 And the king
answered them roughly; and king
Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the
old men, 14 and spoke to them after the
counsel of the young men, saying:
'[My father] made your yoke heavy,
but I will add thereto; my father
chastised you with whips, but I will
chastise you with scorpions.' 15 So the
king hearkened not unto the people;
for it was brought about of God, that
the LORD might establish His word,
which He spoke by the hand of Ahijah
the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of
Nebat.
16 And when all Israel [saw] that the
king hearkened not unto them, the
people answered the king, saying:
'What portion have we in David?
neither have we inheritance in the son
of Jesse; every man to your tents, O
Israel; now see to thine own house,
David.' So all Israel departed unto
their tents. 17 But as for the children of
Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah,
Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then
king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who
was over the levy; and the children of
Israel stoned him with stones, so that
he died. And king Rehoboam made
speed to get him up to his chariot, to
flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled
against the house of David unto this
day.

11 And when Rehoboam was
come to Jerusalem, he
assembled the house of Judah and
Benjamin, a hundred and fourscore
thousand chosen men, that were
warriors, to fight against Israel, to
bring the kingdom back to Rehoboam.
2 But the word of the LORD came to
Shemaiah the man of God, saying:
3 'Speak unto Rehoboam the son of
Solomon, king of Judah, and to all
Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying:
4 Thus saith the LORD: Ye shall not go
up, nor fight against your brethren;
return every man to his house, for this
thing is of Me.' So they hearkened
unto the words of the LORD, and
returned from going against Jeroboam.
5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem,
and built cities for defence in Judah.
6 He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam,
and Tekoa, 7 and Beth-zur, and Soco,
and Adullam, 8 and Gath, and
Mareshah, and Ziph, 9 and Adoraim,
and Lachish, and Azekah, 10 and Zorah,
and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in
Judah and in Benjamin, fortified cities.
11 And he fortified the strongholds, and
put captains in them, and store of
victual, and oil and wine. 12 And in
every city he put shields and spears,
and made them exceeding strong. And
Judah and Benjamin adhered to him.
13 And the priests and the Levites
that were in all Israel presented
themselves to him out of all their

border. [14]For the Levites left their open
land and their possession, and came to
Judah and Jerusalem; for Jeroboam
and his sons cast them off, that they
should not execute the priest’s office
unto the LORD; [15]and he appointed him
priests for the high places, and for the
satyrs, and for the calves which he had
made. [16]And after them, out of all the
tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts
to seek the LORD, the God of Israel,
came to Jerusalem to sacrifice unto the
LORD, the God of their fathers. [17]So
they strengthened the kingdom of
Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of
Solomon strong, three years; for they
walked three years in the way of David
and Solomon.

[18]And Rehoboam took him a wife,
Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the
son of David, and of Abihail the
daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse;
[19]and she bore him sons: Jeush, and
Shemariah, and Zaham. [20]And after
her he took Maacah the daughter of
Absalom; and she bore him Abijah,
and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith.
[21]And Rehoboam loved Maacah the
daughter of Absalom above all his
wives and his concubines—for he took
eighteen wives, and threescore
concubines, and begot twenty and
eight sons and threescore daughters.
[22]And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the
son of Maacah to be chief, even the
prince among his brethren; for he was
minded to make him king. [23]And he
dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his
sons throughout all the lands of Judah
and Benjamin, unto every fortified
city; and he gave them victual in
abundance. And he sought for them
many wives.

12 And it came to pass, when the
kingdom of Rehoboam was
established, and he was strong, that he
forsook the law of the LORD, and all
Israel with him. [2]And it came to pass
in the fifth year of king Rehoboam,
that Shishak king of Egypt came up
against Jerusalem, because they had
dealt treacherously with the LORD,
[3]with twelve hundred chariots, and
threescore thousand horsemen; and the
people were without number that came
with him out of Egypt; the Lubim, the
Sukkiim, and the Ethiopians. [4]And he
took the fortified cities which
pertained to Judah, and came unto
Jerusalem. [5]Now Shemaiah the
prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the
princes of Judah, that were gathered
together to Jerusalem because of
Shishak, and said unto them: ‘Thus
saith the LORD: Ye have forsaken Me,
therefore have I also left you in the
hand of Shishak.’ [6]Then the princes of
Israel and the king humbled
themselves; and they said: ‘The LORD
is righteous.’ [7]And when the LORD saw
that they humbled themselves, the
word of the LORD came to Shemaiah,
saying: ‘They have humbled
themselves; I will not destroy them;
but I will grant them some deliverance,
and My wrath shall not be poured out
upon Jerusalem by the hand of
Shishak. [8]Nevertheless they shall be

his servants; that they may know My
service, and the service of the
kingdoms of the countries.'
9 So Shishak king of Egypt came up
against Jerusalem, and took away the
treasures of the house of the LORD, and
the treasures of the king's house; he
took all away; he took away also the
shields of gold which Solomon had
made. 10 And king Rehoboam made in
their stead shields of brass, and
committed them to the hands of the
captains of the guard, that kept the
door of the king's house. 11 And it was
so, that as oft as the king entered into
the house of the LORD, the guard came
and bore them, and brought them back
into the guard-chamber. 12 And when
he humbled himself, the anger of the
LORD turned from him, that He would
not destroy him altogether; and
moreover in Judah there were good
things found.
13 So king Rehoboam strengthened
himself in Jerusalem, and reigned; for
Rehoboam was forty and one years old
when he began to reign, and he
reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem,
the city which the LORD had chosen out
of all the tribes of Israel, to put His
name there; and his mother's name
was Naamah the Ammonitess. 14 And
he did that which was evil, because he
set not his heart to seek the LORD.
15 Now the acts of Rehoboam, first
and last, are they not written in the
histories of Shemaiah the prophet and
of Iddo the seer, after the manner of
genealogies? And there were wars
between Rehoboam and Jeroboam
continually. 16 And Rehoboam slept
with his fathers, and was buried in the
city of David; and Abijah his son
reigned in his stead.

13 In the eighteenth year of king
Jeroboam began Abijah to
reign over Judah. 2 Three years reigned
he in Jerusalem; and his mother's
name was Micaiah the daughter of
Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war
between Abijah and Jeroboam. 3 And
Abijah joined battle with an army of
valiant men of war, even four hundred
thousand chosen men; and Jeroboam
set the battle in array against him with
eight hundred thousand chosen men,
who were mighty men of valour. 4 And
Abijah stood up upon mount
Zemaraim, which is in the hill-country
of Ephraim, and said: 'Hear me, O
Jeroboam and all Israel; 5 ought ye not
to know that the LORD, the God of
Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to
David for ever, even to him and to his
sons by a covenant of salt? 6 Yet
Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant
of Solomon the son of David, rose up,
and rebelled against his lord. 7 And
there were gathered unto him vain
men, base fellows that strengthened
themselves against Rehoboam the son
of Solomon, when Rehoboam was
young and faint-hearted, and could not
withstand them. 8 And now ye think to
withstand the kingdom of the LORD in
the hand of the sons of David; and ye
are a great multitude, and there are
with you the golden calves which

Jeroboam made you for gods. [9]Have
ye not driven out the priests of the
LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the
Levites, and have made you priests
after the manner of the peoples of
other lands? so that whosoever cometh
to consecrate himself with a young
bullock and seven rams, the same
becometh a priest of them that are no
gods. [10]But as for us, the LORD is our
God, and we have not forsaken Him;
and we have priests ministering unto
the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the
Levites in their work; [11]and they burn
unto the LORD every morning and
every evening burnt-offerings and
sweet incense; the showbread also set
they in order upon the pure table; and
the candlestick of gold with the lamps
thereof, to burn every evening; for we
keep the charge of the LORD our God;
but ye have forsaken Him. [12]And,
behold, God is with us at our head, and
His priests with the trumpets of alarm
to sound an alarm against you. O
children of Israel, fight ye not against
the LORD, the God of your fathers; for
ye shall not prosper.'

[13]But Jeroboam caused an
ambushment to come about behind
them; so they were before Judah, and
the ambushment was behind them.
[14]And when Judah looked back,
behold, the battle was before and
behind them; and they cried unto the
LORD, and the priests sounded with the
trumpets. [15]Then the men of Judah
gave a shout; and as the men of Judah
shouted, it came to pass, that God
smote Jeroboam and all Israel before
Abijah and Judah. [16]And the children
of Israel fled before Judah; and God
delivered them into their hand. [17]And
Abijah and his people slew them with
a great slaughter; so there fell down
slain of Israel five hundred thousand
chosen men. [18]Thus the children of
Israel were brought under at that time,
and the children of Judah prevailed,
because they relied upon the LORD, the
God of their fathers. [19]And Abijah
pursued after Jeroboam, and took
cities from him, Bethel with the towns
thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns
thereof, and Ephrain with the towns
thereof. [20]Neither did Jeroboam
recover strength again in the days of
Abijah; and the LORD smote him, and
he died. [21]But Abijah waxed mighty,
and took unto himself fourteen wives,
and begot twenty and two sons, and
sixteen daughters. [22]And the rest of the
acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his
sayings, are written in the commentary
of the prophet Iddo.

[23]So Abijah slept with his fathers,
and they buried him in the city of
David, and Asa his son reigned in his
stead; in his days the land was quiet

14 ten years. [1]And Asa did that
which was good and right in
the eyes of the LORD his God; [2]for he
took away the strange altars, and the
high places, and broke down the
pillars, and hewed down the Asherim;
[3]and commanded Judah to seek the
LORD, the God of their fathers, and to
do the law and the commandment.

4 Also he took away out of all the cities
of Judah the high places and the sun-
images; and the kingdom was quiet
before him. 5 And he built fortified
cities in Judah; for the land was quiet,
and he had no war in those years;
because the LORD had given him rest.
6 For he said unto Judah: 'Let us build
these cities, and make about them
walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the
land is yet before us, because we have
sought the LORD our God; we have
sought Him, and He hath given us rest
on every side.' So they built and
prospered. 7 And Asa had an army that
bore bucklers and spears, out of Judah
three hundred thousand; and out of
Benjamin, that bore shields and drew
bows, two hundred and fourscore
thousand; all these were mighty men
of valour.

8 And there came out against them
Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a
thousand thousand, and three hundred
chariots; and he came unto Mareshah.
9 Then Asa went out to meet him, and
they set the battle in array in the valley
of Zephath at Mareshah. 10 And Asa
cried unto the LORD his God, and said:
'LORD, there is none beside Thee to
help, between the mighty and him that
hath no strength; help us, O LORD our
God; for we rely on Thee, and in Thy
name are we come against this
multitude. Thou art the LORD our God;
let not man prevail against Thee.' 11 So
the LORD smote the Ethiopians before
Asa, and before Judah; and the
Ethiopians fled. 12 And Asa and the
people that were with him pursued
them unto Gerar; and there fell of the
Ethiopians so that none remained
alive; for they were shattered before
the LORD, and before His host; and
they carried away very much booty.
13 And they smote all the cities round
about Gerar; for a terror from the LORD
came upon them; and they spoiled all
the cities; for there was much spoil in
them. 14 They smote also the tents of
cattle, and carried away sheep in
abundance and camels, and returned to
Jerusalem.

15 And the spirit of God came
upon Azariah the son of Oded;
2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said
unto him: 'Hear ye me, Asa, and all
Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with
you, while ye are with Him; and if ye
seek Him, He will be found of you; but
if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you.
3 Now for long seasons Israel was
without the true God, and without a
teaching priest, and without law; 4 but
when in their distress they turned unto
the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought
Him, He was found of them. 5 And in
those times there was no peace to him
that went out, nor to him that came in,
but great discomfitures were upon all
the inhabitants of the lands. 6 And they
were broken in pieces, nation against
nation, and city against city; for God
did discomfit them with all manner of
adversity. 7 But be ye strong, and let
not your hands be slack; for your work
shall be rewarded.'

[8]And when Asa heard these words, even the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the detestable things out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD. [9]And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon; for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. [10]So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. [11]And they sacrificed unto the LORD in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. [12]And they entered into the covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; [13]and that whosoever would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. [14]And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with horns. [15]And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire; and He was found of them; and the LORD gave them rest round about.

[16]And also Maacah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. [17]But the high places were not taken away out of Israel; nevertheless the heart of Asa was whole all his days. [18]And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had hallowed, and that he himself had hallowed, silver, and gold, and vessels. [19]And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasa king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. [2]Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Aram, that dwelt at [a]Damascus, saying: [3]'There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father; behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasa king of Israel, that he may depart from me.' [4]And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abelmaim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali. [5]And it came to pass, when Baasa heard

[a] Heb. *Darmesek*, and in xxiv 23; xxviii, 5, 23.

thereof, that he left off building
Ramah, and let his work cease. 6Then
Asa the king took all Judah; and they
carried away the stones of Ramah, and
the timber thereof, wherewith Baasa
had builded; and he built therewith
Geba and Mizpah.

7And at that time Hanani the seer
came to Asa king of Judah, and said
unto him: ‘Because thou hast relied on
the king of Aram, and hast not relied
on the LORD thy God, therefore is the
host of the king of Aram escaped out
of thy hand. 8Were not the Ethiopians
and the Lubim a huge host, with
chariots and horsemen exceeding
many? yet, because thou didst rely on
the LORD, He delivered them into thy
hand. 9For the eyes of the LORD run to
and fro throughout the whole earth, to
show Himself strong in the behalf of
them whose heart is whole toward
Him. Herein thou hast done foolishly;
for from henceforth thou shalt have
wars.’ 10Then Asa was wroth with the
seer, and put him in the prison-house;
for he was in a rage with him because
of this thing. And Asa oppressed some
of the people the same time.

11And, behold, the acts of Asa, first
and last, lo, they are written in the
book of the kings of Judah and Israel.
12And in the thirty and ninth year of
his reign Asa was diseased in his feet;
his disease was exceeding great; yet in
his disease he sought not to the LORD,
but to the physicians. 13And Asa slept
with his fathers, and died in the one
and fortieth year of his reign. 14And
they buried him in his own sepulchres,
which he had hewn out for himself in
the city of David, and laid him in the
bed which was filled with sweet
odours and divers kinds [of spices]
prepared by the perfumers’art; and
they made a very great burning for
him.

17 And Jehoshaphat his son
reigned in his stead, and
strengthened himself against Israel.
2And he placed forces in all the
fortified cities of Judah, and set
garrisons in the land of Judah, and in
the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his
father had taken. 3And the LORD was
with Jehoshaphat, because he walked
in the first ways of his father David,
and sought not unto the Baalim; 4but
sought to the God of his father, and
walked in His commandments, and not
after the doings of Israel. 5Therefore
the LORD established the kingdom in
his hand; and all Judah brought to
Jehoshaphat presents; and he had
riches and honour in abundance. 6And
his heart was lifted up in the ways of
the LORD; and furthermore he took
away the high places and the Asherim
out of Judah.

7Also in the third year of his reign
he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and
Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel,
and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of
Judah; 8and with them the Levites,
even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and
Zebadiah, and Asahel, and
Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and
Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-

adonijah, the Levites; and with them
Elishama and Jehoram, the priests.
9 And they taught in Judah, having the
book of the Law of the LORD with
them; and they went about throughout
all the cities of Judah, and taught
among the people.

10 And a terror from the LORD fell
upon all the kingdoms of the lands that
were round about Judah, so that they
made no war against Jehoshaphat.
11 And some of the Philistines brought
Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for
tribute; the Arabians also brought him
flocks, seven thousand and seven
hundred rams, and seven thousand and
seven hundred he-goats. 12 And
Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly;
and he built in Judah castles and cities
of store. 13 And he had many works in
the cities of Judah; and men of war,
mighty men of valour, in Jerusalem.
14 And this was the numbering of them
according to their fathers'houses: of
Judah, the captains of thousands:
Adnah the captain, and with him
mighty men of valour three hundred
thousand; 15 and next to him Jehohanan
the captain, and with him two hundred
and fourscore thousand; 16 and next to
him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who
willingly offered himself unto the
LORD, and with him two hundred
thousand mighty men of valour; 17 and
of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of
valour, and with him two hundred
thousand armed with bow and shield;
18 and next to him Jehozabad, and with
him a hundred and fourscore thousand
ready prepared for war. 19 These were
they that waited on the king beside
those whom the king put in the
fortified cities throughout all Judah.

18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches
and honour in abundance; and
he allied himself with Ahab by
marriage. 2 And after a lapse of years
he went down to Ahab to Samaria.
And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for
him in abundance, and for the people
that were with him, and persuaded him
to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead.
3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto
Jehoshaphat king of Judah: 'Wilt thou
go with me to Ramoth-gilead?' And he
answered him: 'I am as thou art, and
my people as thy people; and we will
be with thee in the war.'

4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king
of Israel: 'Inquire, I pray thee, at the
word of the LORD today.' 5 Then the
king of Israel gathered the prophets
together, four hundred men, and said
unto them: 'Shall we go to Ramoth-
gilead to battle, or shall I forbear?'
And they said: 'Go up; for God will
deliver it into the hand of the king.'
6 But Jehoshaphat said: 'Is there not
here besides a prophet of the LORD,
that we might inquire of him?' 7 And
the king of Israel said unto
Jehoshaphat: 'There is yet one man by
whom we may inquire of the LORD; but
I hate him; for he never prophesieth
good concerning me, but always evil;
the same is Micaiah the son of Imla.'
And Jehoshaphat said: 'Let not the
king say so.' 8 Then the king of Israel

called an officer, and said: ‘Fetch
quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.’
9 Now the king of Israel and
Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each
on his throne, arrayed in their robes,
and they sat in a threshing-floor at the
entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all
the prophets were prophesying before
them. 10 And Zedekiah the son of
Chenaanah made him horns of iron,
and said: ‘Thus saith the Lord: With
these shalt thou gore the Arameans,
until they be consumed.’ 11 And all the
prophets prophesied so, saying: ‘Go up
to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for the
Lord will deliver it into the hand of the
king.’

12 And the messenger that went to
call Micaiah spoke to him, saying:
‘Behold, the words of the prophets
declare good to the king with one
mouth; let thy word therefore, I pray
thee, be like one of theirs, and speak
thou good.’ 13 And Micaiah said: ‘As
the Lord liveth, what my God saith,
that will I speak.’ 14 And when he was
come to the king, the king said unto
him: ‘[a]Micaiah, shall we go to
Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I
forbear?’ And he said: ‘Go ye up, and
prosper; and they shall be delivered
into your hand.’ 15 And the king said to
him: ‘How many times shall I adjure
thee that thou speak unto me nothing
but the truth in the name of the Lord.’
16 And he said: ‘I saw all Israel
scattered upon the mountains, as sheep
that have no shepherd; and the Lord
said: These have no master, let them
return every man to his house in
peace.’ 17 And the king of Israel said to
Jehoshaphat: ‘Did I not tell thee that
he would not prophesy good
concerning me, but evil?’ 18 And he
said: ‘Therefore hear ye the word of
the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting upon
His throne, and all the host of heaven
standing on His right hand and on His
left. 19 And the Lord said: who shall
entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may
go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And
one spoke saying after this manner,
and another saying after that manner.
20 And there came forth the spirit, and
stood before the Lord, and said: I will
entice him. And the Lord said unto
him: Wherewith? 21 And he said: I will
go forth, and will be a lying spirit in
the mouth of all his prophets. And He
said: Thou shalt entice him, and shalt
prevail also; go forth, and do so.
22 Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath
put a lying spirit in the mouth of these
thy prophets; and the Lord hath
spoken evil concerning thee.’

23 Then Zedekiah the son of
Chenaanah came near, and smote
Micaiah upon the check, and said:
‘Which way went the spirit of the
Lord from me to speak unto thee?’
24 And Micaiah said: ‘Behold, thou
shalt see on that day, when thou shalt
go into an inner chamber to hide
thyself.’ 25 And the king of Israel said:
‘Take ye Micaiah; and carry him back
unto Amon the governor of the city,

[a] Heb. *Micah*.

and to Joash the king’s son; 26and say:
Thus saith the king: Put this fellow in
the prison, and feed him with scant
bread and with scant water, until I
return in peace.’ 27And Micaiah said:
‘If thou return at all in peace, the LORD
hath not spoken by me.’ And he said:
‘Hear, ye peoples, all of you.’

28So the king of Israel and
Jehoshaphat the kind of Judah went up
to Ramoth-gilead. 29And the king of
Israel said unto Jehoshaphat: ‘I will
disguise myself, and go into the battle;
but put thou on thy robes.’ So the king
of Israel disguised himself; and they
went into the battle. 30Now the king of
Aram had commanded the captains of
his chariots, saying: ‘Fight neither
with small nor great, save only with
the king of Israel.’ 31And it came to
pass, when the captains of the chariots
saw Jehoshaphat, that they said: ‘It is
the king of Israel.’ Therefore they
turned about to fight against him; but
Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD
helped him; and God moved them to
depart from him. 32And it came to
pass, when the captains of the chariots
saw that it was not the king of Israel,
that they turned back from pursuing
him. 33And a certain man drew his bow
at a venture, and smote the king of
Israel between the lower armour and
the breastplate; wherefore he said to
the driver of the chariot: ‘Turn thy
hand, and carry me out of the host; for
I am sore wounded.’ 34And the battle
increased that day; howbeit the king of
Israel stayed himself up in his chariot
against the Arameans until the even;
and about the time of the going down
of the sun he died.

19 And Jehoshaphat the king of
Judah returned to his house in
peace to Jerusalem. 2And Jehu the son
of Hanani the seer went out to meet
him, and said to king Jehoshaphat:
‘Shouldest thou help the wicked, and
love them that hate the LORD? for this
thing wrath is upon thee from before
the LORD. 3Nevertheless there are good
things found in thee, in that thou hast
put away the Asheroth out of the land,
and hast set thy heart to seek God.’

4And Jehoshaphat dwelt at
Jerusalem; and he went out again
among the people from Beer-sheba to
the hill-country of Ephraim, and
brought them back unto the LORD, the
God of their fathers. 5And he set
judges in the land throughout all the
fortified cities of Judah, city by city,
6and said to the judges: ‘Consider what
ye do; for ye judge not for man, but for
the LORD; and [He is] with you in
giving judgment. 7Now therefore let
the fear of the LORD be upon you; take
heed and do it; for there is no iniquity
with the LORD our God, nor respect of
persons, nor taking of bribes.’
8Moreover in Jerusalem did
Jehoshaphat set of the Levites and the
priests, and of the heads of the
fathers’houses of Israel, for the
judgment of the LORD, and for
controversies. And they returned to
Jerusalem. 9And he charged them,
saying: ‘Thus shall ye do in the fear of

the LORD, faithfully, and with a whole
heart. 10And whensoever any
controversy shall come to you from
your brethren that dwell in their cities,
between blood and blood, between law
and commandment, statutes and
ordinances, ye shall warn them, that
they be not guilty towards the LORD,
and so wrath come upon you and upon
your brethren; thus shall ye do, and ye
shall not be guilty. 11And, behold,
Amariah the chief priest is over you in
all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah
the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the
house of Judah, in all the king's
matters; also the officers of the Levites
before you. Deal courageously, and the
LORD be with the good.'

20 And it came to pass after this,
that the children of Moab, and
the children of Ammon, and with them
some of the Ammonites, came against
Jehoshaphat to battle. 2Then there
came some that told Jehoshaphat,
saying: 'There cometh a great
multitude against thee from beyond the
sea from Aram; and, behold, they are
in Hazazon-tamar'—the same is En-
gedi. 3And Jehoshaphat feared, and set
himself to seek unto the LORD; and he
proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.
4And Judah gathered themselves
together, to seek help of the LORD;
even out of all the cities of Judah they
came to seek the LORD. 5And
Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation
of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house
of the LORD, before the new court; 6and
he said: 'O LORD, the God of our
fathers, art not Thou alone God in
heaven? and art not Thou ruler over all
the kingdoms of the nations? and in
Thy hand is power and might, so that
none is able to withstand Thee. 7Didst
not Thou, O our God, drive out the
inhabitants of this land before Thy
people Israel, and gavest it to the seed
of Abraham Thy friend for ever? 8And
they dwelt therein, and have built Thee
a sanctuary therein for Thy name,
saying: 9If evil come upon us, the
sword, judgment, or pestilence, or
famine, we will stand before this
house, and before Thee—for Thy
name is in this house—and cry unto
Thee in our affliction, and Thou wilt
hear and save. 10And now, behold, the
children of Ammon and Moab and
mount Seir, whom Thou wouldest not
let Israel invade, when they came out
of the land of Egypt, but they turned
aside from them, and destroyed them
not; 11behold, they render unto us
[evil], to come to cast us out of Thy
possession, which Thou hast given us
to inherit. 12O our God, wilt Thou not
execute judgment on them? for we
have no might against this great
multitude that cometh against us;
neither know we what to do; but our
eyes are upon Thee.' 13And all Judah
stood before the LORD, with their little
ones, their wives, and their children.

14Then upon Jahaziel the son of
Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son
of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the
Levite, of the sons of Asaph, came the
spirit of the LORD in the midst of the

congregation; [15]and he said: 'Hearken
ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat:
thus saith the Lord unto you: Fear not
ye, neither be dismayed by reason of
this great multitude; for the battle is
not yours, but God's. [16]To-morrow go
ye down against them; behold, they
come up by the ascent of Ziz; and ye
shall find them at the end of the valley,
before the wilderness of Jeruel. [17]Ye
shall not need to fight in this battle; set
yourselves, stand ye still, and see the
salvation of the Lord with you, O
Judah and Jerusalem; fear not, nor be
dismayed; to-morrow go out against
them; for the Lord is with you.' [18]And
Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his
face to the ground; and all Judah and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down
before the Lord, worshipping the
Lord. [19]And the Levites, of the
children of the Kohathites and of the
children of the Korahites, stood up to
praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with
an exceeding loud voice.
[20]And they rose early in the morning,
and went forth into the wilderness of
Tekoa; and as they went forth,
Jehoshaphat stood and said: 'Hear me,
O Judah, and ye inhabitants of
Jerusalem; believe in the Lord your
God, so shall ye be established;
believe His prophets, so shall ye
prosper.' [21]And when he had taken
counsel with the people, he appointed
them that should sing unto the Lord,
and praise in the beauty of holiness, as
they went out before the army, and
say: 'Give thanks unto the Lord, for
His mercy endureth for ever.' [22]And
when they began to sing and to praise,
the Lord set liers-in-wait against the
children of Ammon, Moab, and mount
Seir, that were come against Judah;
and they were smitten. [23]For the
children of Ammon and Moab stood
up against the inhabitants of mount
Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them;
and when they had made an end of the
inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to
destroy another.
[24]And when Judah came to the watch-
tower of the wilderness, they looked
upon the multitude; and, behold, they
were dead bodies fallen to the earth,
and there were none that escaped.
[25]And when Jehoshaphat and his
people came to take the spoil of them,
they found among them in abundance
both riches and dead bodies, and
precious jewels, which they stripped
off for themselves, more than they
could carry away; and they were three
days in taking the spoil, it was so
much. [26]And on the fourth day they
assembled themselves in the valley of
[a]Beracah; for there they blessed the
Lord; therefore the name of that place
was called The valley of Beracah, unto
this day. [27]Then they returned, every
man of Judah and Jerusalem, and
Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them,
to go back to Jerusalem with joy; for
the Lord had made them to rejoice
over their enemies. [28]And they came to

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[a] That is, *Blessing*.

Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD. [29]And a terror from God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. [30]So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about.

[31]And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah; he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. [32]And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD. [33]Howbeit the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts unto the God of their fathers. [34]Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the words of Jehu the son of Hanani, which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel.

[35]And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel; the same did very wickedly; [36]and he joined him with himself to make ships to go to Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. [37]Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying: ‘Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath made a breach in thy works.’ And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David; and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead. [2]And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariahu, and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. [3]And their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the first-born. [4]Now when Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also of the princes of Israel. [5]Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. [6]And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife; and he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. [7]Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and as He promised to give a lamp to him and to his children alway.

[8]In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. [9]Then Jehoram passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with him; and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots. [10]So Edom revolted

from under the hand of Judah unto this day; then did Libnah revolt at the same time from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD, the God of his fathers. [11]Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go astray, and drew Judah away. [12]And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying: ‘Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father: Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah; [13]but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go astray, like as the house of Ahab made [Israel] to go astray; and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father’s house, who were better than thyself; [14]behold, the LORD will smite with a great plague thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy substance; [15]and thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, day by day.’

[16]And the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians that are beside the Ethiopians; [17]and they came up against Judah, and broke into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king’s house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

[18]And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. [19]And it came to pass, that in process of time, at the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. [20]Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years; and he departed joyless; and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

22 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead; for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. [2]Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. [3]He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab; for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. [4]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab; for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his destruction. [5]He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Aram at Ramoth-gilead; and the Arameans wounded Joram. [6]And he returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which they

had given him at Ramah, when he
fought against Hazael king of Aram.
And Azariah the son of Jehoram king
of Judah went down to see Jehoram
the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he
was sick.
[7]Now the downfall of Ahaziah was
of God, in that he went unto Joram; for
when he was come, he went out with
Jehoram against Jehu the son of
Nimshi, whom the Lord had anointed
to cut off the house of Ahab. [8]And it
came to pass, when Jehu was
executing judgment upon the house of
Ahab, that he found the princes of
Judah, and the sons of the brethren of
Ahaziah, ministering to Ahaziah, and
slew them. [9]And he sought Ahaziah,
and they caught him—now he was
hiding in Samaria—and they brought
him to Jehu, and slew him; and they
buried him, for they said: 'He is the
son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the
Lord with all his heart.' And there was
none of the house of Ahaziah that had
power to hold the kingdom.
[10]Now when Athaliah the mother of
Ahaziah saw that her son was dead,
she arose and destroyed all the seed
royal of the house of Judah. [11]But
Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king,
took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and
stole him away from among the king's
sons that were slain, and put him and
his nurse in the bed-chamber. So
Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king
Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the
priest—for she was the sister of
Ahaziah—hid him from Athaliah, so
that she slew him not. [12]And he was
with them hid in the house of God six
years; and Athaliah reigned over the
land.

23 And in the seventh year
Jehoiada strengthened himself,
and took the captains of hundreds,
Azariah the son of Jeroham, and
Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and
Azariah the son of Obed, and
Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and
Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into
covenant with him. [2]And they went
about in Judah, and gathered the
Levites out of all the cities of Judah,
and the heads of fathers'houses of
Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
[3]And all the congregation made a
covenant with the king in the house of
God. And he said unto them: 'Behold,
the king's son shall reign, as the Lord
hath spoken concerning the sons of
David. [4]This is the thing that ye shall
do: a third part of you, that come in on
the sabbath, of the priests and of the
Levites, shall be porters of the doors;
[5]and a third part shall be at the king's
house; and a third part at the gate of
the foundation; and all the people shall
be in the courts of the house of the
Lord. [6]But let none come into the
house of the Lord, save the priests,
and they that minister of the Levites;
they shall come in, for they are holy;
but all the people shall keep the charge
of the Lord. [7]And the Levites shall
compass the king round about, every
man with his weapons in his hand; and
whosoever cometh into the house, let

him be slain; and be ye with the king
when he cometh in, and when he goeth
out.'
[8]So the Levites and all Judah did
according to all that Jehoiada the priest
commanded; and they took every man
his men, those that were to come in on
the sabbath, with those that were to go
out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the
priest dismissed not the courses. [9]And
Jehoiada the priest delivered to the
captains of hundreds the spears, and
bucklers, and shields, that had been
king David's, which were in the house
of God. [10]And he set all the people,
every man with his weapon in his
hand, from the right side of the house
to the left side of the house, along by
the altar and the house, by the king
round about. [11]Then they brought out
the king's son, and put upon him the
crown and the insignia, and made him
king; and Jehoiada and his sons
anointed him; and they said: 'Long
live the king.'

[12]And when Athaliah heard the
noise of the people running and
praising the king, she came to the
people into the house of the LORD;
[13]and she looked, and, behold, the king
stood on his platform at the entrance,
and the captains and the trumpets by
the king; and all the people of the land
rejoiced, and blew with trumpets; the
singers also [played] on instruments of
music, and led the singing of praise.
Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and
said: 'Treason, treason.' [14]And
Jehoiada the priest brought out the
captains of hundreds that were set over
the host, and said unto them: 'Have
her forth between the ranks; and
whoso followeth her, let him be slain
with the sword'; for the priest said:
'Slay her not in the house of the LORD.'
[15]So they made way for her; and she
went to the entry of the horse gate to
the king's house; and they slew her
there.

[16]And Jehoiada made a covenant
between himself, and all the people,
and the king, that they should be the
LORD'S people. [17]And all the people
went to the house of Baal, and broke it
down, and broke his altars and his
images in pieces, and slew Mattan the
priest of Baal before the altars. [18]And
Jehoiada appointed the offices of the
house of the LORD under the hand of
the priests the Levites, whom David
had distributed in the house of the
LORD, to offer the burnt-offerings of
the LORD, as it is written in the Law of
Moses, with rejoicing and with
singing, according to the direction of
David. [19]And he set the porters at the
gates of the house of the LORD, that
none that was unclean in any thing
should enter in. [20]And he took the
captains of hundreds, and the nobles,
and the governors of the people, and
all the people of the land, and brought
down the king from the house of the
LORD; and they came through the upper
gate unto the king's house, and set the
king upon the throne of the kingdom.
[21]So all the people of the land rejoiced,

and the city was quiet; and they slew
Athaliah with the sword.

24 Joash was seven years old
when he began to reign; and
he reigned forty years in Jerusalem;
and his mother's name was Zibiah of
Beer-sheba. 2 And Joash did that which
was right in the eyes of the LORD all
the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 And
Jehoiada took for him two wives; and
he begot sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pass after this, that
Joash was minded to restore the house
of the LORD. 5 And he gathered together
the priests and the Levites, and said to
them: 'Go out unto the cities of Judah,
and gather of all Israel money to repair
the house of your God from year to
year, and see that ye hasten the
matter.' Howbeit the Levites hastened
it not. 6 And the king called for
Jehoiada the chief, and unto him:
'Why hast thou not required of the
Levites to bring in out of Judah and
out of Jerusalem the tax of Moses the
servant of the LORD, and of the
congregation of Israel, for the tent of
the testimony?' 7 For the sons of
Athaliah, that wicked woman, had
broken up the house of God; and also
all the hallowed things of the house of
the LORD did they bestow upon the
Baalim.

8 So the king commanded, and they
made a chest, and set it without at the
gate of the house of the LORD. 9 And
they made a proclamation through
Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for
the LORD the tax that Moses the servant
of God laid upon Israel in the
wilderness. 10 And all the princes and
all the people rejoiced, and brought in,
and cast into the chest, until they had
made an end. 11 And it was so, that at
what time the chest was brought unto
the king's officers by the hand of the
Levites, and when they saw that there
was much money, the king's scribe
and the chief priest's officer came and
emptied the chest, and took it, and
carried it back to its place. Thus they
did day by day, and gathered money in
abundance. 12 And the king and
Jehoiada gave it to such as did the
work of the service of the house of the
LORD; and they hired masons and
carpenters to restore the house of the
LORD, and also such as wrought iron
and brass to repair the house of the
LORD. 13 So the workmen wrought, and
the work was perfected by them, and
they set up the house of God in its
state, and strengthened it. 14 And when
they had made an end, they brought
the rest of the money before the king
and Jehoiada, whereof were made
vessels for the house of the LORD, even
vessels wherewith to minister, and
buckets, and pans, and vessels of gold
and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings
in the house of the LORD
continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 But Jehoiada waxed old and was
full of days, and he died; a hundred
and thirty years old was he when he
died. 16 And they buried him in the city
of David among the kings, because he
had done good in Israel, and toward

God and His house. [17]Now after the
death of Jehoiada came the princes of
Judah, and prostrated themselves
before the king. Then the king
hearkened unto them. [18]And they
forsook the house of the Lord, the God
of their fathers, and served the
Asherim and the idols; and wrath came
upon Judah and Jerusalem for this
their guiltiness. [19]Yet He sent prophets
to them, to bring them back unto the
Lord; and they admonished them, but
they would not give ear.

[20]And the spirit of God clothed
Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the
priest; and he stood above the people,
and said unto them: 'Thus saith God:
Why transgress ye the commandments
of the Lord, that ye cannot prosper?
because ye have forsaken the Lord, He
hath also forsaken you.' [21]And they
conspired against him, and stoned him
with stones at the commandment of
the king in the court of the house of
the Lord. [22]Thus Joash the king
remembered not the kindness which
Jehoiada his father had done to him,
but slew his son. And when he died, he
said: 'The Lord look upon it, and
require it.'

[23]And it came to pass, when the year
was come about, that the army of the
Arameans came up against him; and
they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and
destroyed all the princes of the people
from among the people, and sent all
the spoil of them unto the king of
Damascus. [24]For the army of the
Arameans came with a small company
of men; and the Lord delivered a very
great host into their hand, because they
had forsaken the Lord, the God of
their fathers. So they executed
judgment upon Joash. [25]And when
they were departed from him—for
they left him in great diseases—his
own servants conspired against him for
the blood of the sons of Jehoiada the
priest, and slew him on his bed, and he
died; and they buried him in the city of
David, but they buried him not in the
sepulchres of the kings. [26]And these
are they that conspired against him:
Zabad the son of Shimeath the
Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of
Shimrith the Moabitess. [27]Now
concerning his sons, and the multitude
of the burdens against him, and the
rebuilding of the house of God,
behold, they are written in the
commentary of the book of the kings.
And Amaziah his son reigned in his
stead.

25 Amaziah was twenty and five
years old when he began to
reign; and he reigned twenty and nine
years in Jerusalem; and his mother's
name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.
[2]And he did that which was right in the
eyes of the Lord, but not with a whole
heart. [3]Now it came to pass, when the
kingdom was established unto him,
that he slew his servants who had
killed the king his father. [4]But he put
not their children to death, but did
according to that which is written in
the law in the book of Moses, as the
Lord commanded, saying: 'The fathers

shall not die for the children, neither
shall the children die for the fathers;
but every man shall die for his own
sin.'

[5]Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah
together, and ordered them according
to their fathers'houses, under captains
of thousands and captains of hundreds,
even all Judah and Benjamin; and he
numbered them from twenty years old
and upward, and found them three
hundred thousand chosen men, able to
go forth to war, that could handle
spear and shield. [6]He hired also a
hundred thousand mighty men of
valour out of Israel for a hundred
talents of silver. [7]But there came a man
of God to him, saying: 'O king, let not
the army of Israel go with thee; for the
LORD is not with Israel, even with all
the children of Ephraim. [8]But if thou
wilt go, and do engage never so
valiantly in battle, God will cast thee
down before the enemy; for God hath
power to help, and to cast down.' [9]And
Amaziah said to the man of God: 'But
what shall we do for the hundred
talents which I have given to the army
of Israel?' And the man of God
answered: 'The LORD is able to give
thee much more than this.' [10]Then
Amaziah separated them, to wit, the
army that was come to him out of
Ephraim, to go back home; wherefore
their anger was greatly kindled against
Judah, and they returned home in
fierce anger.

[11]And Amaziah took courage, and
led forth his people, and went to the
Valley of Salt, and smote of the
children of Seir ten thousand. [12]And
other ten thousand did the children of
Judah carry away alive, and brought
them unto the top of the Rock, and cast
them down from the top of the Rock,
that they all were broken in pieces.
[13]But the men of the army whom
Amaziah sent back, that they should
not go with him to battle, fell upon the
cities of Judah, from Samaria even
unto Beth-horon, and smote of them
three thousand, and took much spoil.

[14]Now it came to pass, after that
Amaziah was come from the slaughter
of the Edomites, that he brought the
gods of the children of Seir, and set
them up to be his gods, and prostrated
himself before them, and offered unto
them. [15]Wherefore the anger of the
LORD was kindled against Amaziah,
and He sent unto him a prophet, who
said unto him: 'Why hast thou sought
after the gods of the people, which
have not delivered their own people
out of thy hand?' [16]And it came to
pass, as he talked with him, that [the
king] said unto him: 'Have we made
thee of the king's counsel? forbear;
why shouldest thou be smitten?' Then
the prophet forbore, and said: 'I know
that God hath determined to destroy
thee, because thou hast done this, and
hast not hearkened unto my counsel.'

[17]Then Amaziah king of Judah took
advice, and sent to Joash, the son of
Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of
Israel, saying: 'Come, let us look one
another in the face.' [18]And Joash king

of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying: ‘The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying: Give thy daughter to my son to wife; and there passed by the wild beasts that were in Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. [19]Thou sayest—lo, thou hast smitten Edom; will thy heart therefore lift thee up to glory therein? abide now at home; why shouldest thou meddle with evil, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?’ [20]But Amaziah would not hear; for it was of God, that He might deliver them into the hand [of their enemies], because they had sought after the gods of Edom. [21]So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. [22]And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. [23]And Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. [24]And [he took] all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king’s house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

[25]And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. [26]Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? [27]Now from the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. [28]And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

26 And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. [2]He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers. [3]Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. [4]And he did that, which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. [5]And he set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper.

[6]And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in [the country of] Ashdod, and among the Philistines. [7]And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the

Meunim. [8]And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah; and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he waxed exceeding strong. [9]Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the Turning, and fortified them. [10]And be built towers in the wilderness, and hewed out many cisterns, for he had much cattle; in the Lowland also, and in the table-land; and he had husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields; for he loved husbandry.

[11]Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king’s captains. [12]The whole number of the heads of fathers’houses, even the mighty men of valour, was two thousand and six hundred. [13]And under their hand was a trained army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. [14]And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. [15]And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by skilful men, to be on the towers and upon the corners, wherewith to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

[16]But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against the LORD his God; for he went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. [17]And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men; [18]and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him: ‘It pertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron that are consecrated it pertaineth to burn incense; go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thy honour from the LORD God.’ [19]Then Uzziah was wroth; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy broke forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense. [20]And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from thence; yea, himself made haste also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. [21]And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a house set apart, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD; and Jotham his son was over the king’s house, judging the people of the land. [22]Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz,

write. 23So Uzziah slept with his
fathers; and they buried him with his
fathers in the field of burial which
belonged to the kings; for they said:
‘He is a leper’; and Jotham his son
reigned in his stead.

27 Jotham was twenty and five
years old when he began to
reign; and he reigned sixteen years in
Jerusalem; and his mother’s name was
Jerushah the daughter of Zadok. 2And
he did that which was right in the eyes
of the Lord, according to all that his
father Uzziah had done; howbeit he
entered not into the temple of the
Lord. And the people did yet
corruptly. 3He built the upper gate of
the house of the Lord, and on the wall
of Ophel he built much. 4Moreover he
built cities in the hill-country of Judah,
and in the forest he built castles and
towers. 5He fought also with the king
of the children of Ammon, and
prevailed against them. And the
children of Ammon gave him the same
year a hundred talents of silver, and
ten thousand measures of wheat, and
ten thousand of barley. So much did
the children of Ammon render unto
him, in the second year also, and in the
third. 6So Jotham became mighty,
because he ordered his ways before the
Lord his God. 7Now the rest of the acts
of Jotham, and all his wars, and his
ways, behold, they are written in the
book of the kings of Israel and Judah.
8He was five and twenty years old
when he began to reign, and reigned
sixteen years in Jerusalem. 9And
Jotham slept with his fathers, and they
buried him in the city of David; and
Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

28 Ahaz was twenty years old
when he began to reign; and
he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem;
and he did not that which was right in
the eyes of the Lord, like David his
father; 2but he walked in the ways of
the kings of Israel, and made also
molten images for the Baalim.
3Moreover he offered in the valley of
the son of Hinnom, and burnt his
children in the fire, according to the
abominations of the heathen, whom
the Lord cast out before the children
of Israel. 4And he sacrificed and
offered in the high places, and on the
hills, and under every leafy tree.
5Wherefore the Lord his God delivered
him into the hand of the king of Aram;
and they smote him, and carried away
of his a great multitude of captives,
and brought them to Damascus. And
he was also delivered into the hand of
the king of Israel, who smote him with
a great slaughter. 6For Pekah the son of
Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred and
twenty thousand in one day, all of
them valiant men; because they had
forsaken the Lord, the God of their
fathers. 7And Zichri, a mighty man of
Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king’s
son, and Azrikam the ruler of the
house, and Elkanah that was next to
the king. 8And the children of Israel
carried away captive of their brethren
two hundred thousand women, sons,
and daughters, and took also away

much spoil from them, and brought the
spoil to Samaria.
9But a prophet of the LORD was
there, whose name was Oded; and he
went out to meet the host that came to
Samaria, and said unto them: ‘Behold,
because the LORD, the God of your
fathers, was wroth with Judah, He hath
delivered them into your hand, and ye
have slain them in a rage which hath
reached up unto heaven. 10And now ye
purpose to bring the children of Judah
and Jerusalem into subjection for
bondmen and bondwomen unto you;
but are there not even with you acts of
guilt of your own against the LORD
your God? 11Now hear me therefore,
and send back the captives, that ye
have taken captive of your brethren;
for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon
you.’ 12Then certain of the heads of the
children of Ephraim, Azariah the son
of Jehohanan, Berechiah the son of
Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son
of Shallum, and Amasa the son of
Hadlai, stood up against them that
came from the war, 13and said unto
them: ‘Ye shall not bring in the
captives hither; for ye purpose that
which will bring upon us guilt against
the LORD, to add unto our sins and to
our guilt; for our guilt is great, and
there is fierce wrath against Israel.’
14So the armed men left the captives
and the spoil before the princes and all
the congregation. 15And the men that
have been mentioned by name rose up,
and took the captives, and with the
spoil clothed all that were naked
among them, and arrayed them, and
shod them, and gave them to eat and to
drink, and anointed them, and carried
all the feeble of them upon asses, and
brought them to Jericho, the city of
palm-trees, unto their brethren; then
they returned to Samaria.
16At that time did king Ahaz send
unto the kings of Assyria to help him.
17For again the Edomites had come
and smitten Judah, and carried away
captives. 18The Philistines also had
invaded the cities of the Lowland, and
of the South of Judah, and had taken
Beth-shemesh, and Aijalon, and
Gederoth, and Soco with the towns
thereof, and Timnah with the towns
thereof, Gimzo also and the towns
thereof; and they dwelt there. 19For the
LORD brought Judah low because of
Ahaz king of Israel; for he had cast
away restraint in Judah, and acted
treacherously against the LORD. 20And
Tillegath-pilneser king of Assyria
came unto him, and distressed him, but
strengthened him not. 21For Ahaz
stripped the house of the LORD, and the
house of the king and the princes, and
gave thereof unto the king of Assyria;
but it helped him not.
22And in the time of his distress did
he act even more treacherously against
the LORD, this same king Ahaz. 23For
he sacrificed unto the gods of
Damascus, which smote him; and he
said: ‘Because the gods of the kings of
Aram helped them, therefore will I
sacrifice to them, that they may help
me.’ But they were the ruin of him,

and of all Israel. [24]And Ahaz gathered
together the vessels of the house of
God, and cut in pieces the vessels of
the house of God, and shut up the
doors of the house of the LORD; and he
made him altars in every corner of
Jerusalem. [25]And in every city of
Judah he made high places to offer
unto other gods, and provoked the
LORD, the God of his fathers. [26]Now
the rest of his acts, and all his ways,
first and last, behold, they are written
in the book of the kings of Judah and
Israel. [27]And Ahaz slept with his
fathers, and they buried him in the
city, even in Jerusalem; for they
brought him not into the sepulchres of
the kings of Israel; and Hezekiah his
son reigned in his stead.

29 Hezekiah began to reign when
he was five and twenty years
old; and he reigned nine and twenty
years in Jerusalem; and his mother's
name was Abijah the daughter of
Zechariah. [2]And he did that which was
right in the eyes of the LORD, according
to all that David his father had done.
[3]He in the first year of his reign, in the
first month, opened the doors of the
house of the LORD, and repaired them.
[4]And he brought in the priests and the
Levites, and gathered them together
into the broad place on the east; [5]and
said unto them: 'Hear me, ye Levites:
now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify
the house of the LORD, the God of your
fathers, and carry forth the filthiness
out of the holy place. [6]For our fathers
have acted treacherously, and done
that which was evil in the sight of the
LORD our God, and have forsaken Him,
and have turned away their faces from
the habitation of the LORD, and turned
their backs. [7]Also they have shut up
the doors of the porch, and put out the
lamps, and have not burned incense
nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy
place unto the God of Israel.
[8]Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was
upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He
hath delivered them to be a horror, an
astonishment, and a hissing, as ye see
with your eyes. [9]For, lo, our fathers
have fallen by the sword, and our sons
and our daughters and our wives are in
captivity for this. [10]Now it is in my
heart to make a covenant with the
LORD, the God of Israel, that His fierce
anger may turn away from us. [11]My
sons, be not now negligent; for the
LORD hath chosen you to stand before
Him, to minister unto Him, and that ye
should be His ministers, and offer unto
Him.'

[12]Then the Levites arose, Mahath
the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of
Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites;
and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son
of Abdi, and Azariah the son of
Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joah
the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son
of Joah; [13]and of the sons of Elizaphan,
Shimri and Jeiel; and of the sons of
Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah; [14]and
of the sons of Heman, Jehiel and
Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun,
Shemaiah and Uzziel. [15]And they
gathered their brethren, and sanctified

themselves, and went in, according to
the commandment of the king by the
words of the LORD, to cleanse the
house of the LORD. 16And the priests
went in unto the inner part of the
house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and
brought out all the uncleanness that
they found in the temple of the LORD
into the court of the house of the LORD.
And the Levites took it, to carry it out
abroad to the brook Kidron. 17Now
they began on the first day of the first
month to sanctify, and on the eighth
day of the month came they to the
porch of the LORD; and they sanctified
the house of the LORD in eight days;
and on the sixteenth day of the first
month they made an end. 18Then they
went in to Hezekiah the king within
[the palace], and said: 'We have
cleansed all the house of the LORD,
even the altar of burnt-offering, with
all the vessels thereof, and the table of
showbread, with all the vessels
thereof. 19Moreover all the vessels,
which king Ahaz in his reign did cast
away when he acted treacherously,
have we prepared and sanctified; and,
behold, they are before the altar of the
LORD.'

20Then Hezekiah the king arose
early, and gathered the princes of the
city, and went up to the house of the
LORD. 21And they brought seven
bullocks, and seven rams, and seven
lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin-
offering for the kingdom and for the
sanctuary and for Judah. And he
commanded the priests the sons of
Aaron to offer them on the altar of the
LORD. 22So they killed the bullocks,
and the priests received the blood, and
dashed it against the altar; and they
killed the rams, and dashed the blood
against the altar; they killed also the
lambs, and dashed the blood against
the altar. 23And they brought near the
he-goats for the sin-offering before the
king and the congregation, and they
laid their hands upon them; 24and the
priests killed them, and they made a
sin-offering with their blood upon the
altar, to make atonement for all Israel;
for the king commanded that the
burnt-offering and the sin-offering
should be made for all Israel.

25And he set the Levites in the house
of the LORD with cymbals, with
psalteries, and with harps, according to
the commandment of David, and of
Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the
prophet; for the commandment was of
the LORD by His prophets. 26And the
Levites stood with the instruments of
David, and the priests with the
trumpets. 27And Hezekiah commanded
to offer the burnt-offering upon the
altar. And when the burnt-offering
began, the song of the LORD began
also, and the trumpets, together with
the instruments of David king of
Israel. 28And all the congregation
prostrated themselves, and the singers
sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all
this continued until the burnt-offering
was finished. 29And when they had
made an end of offering, the king and
all that were present with him bowed

themselves and prostrated themselves.
[30]Moreover Hezekiah the king and the
princes commanded the Levites to sing
praises unto the Lord with the words
of David, and of Asaph the seer. And
they sang praises with gladness, and
they bowed their heads and prostrated
themselves.

[31]Then Hezekiah answered and said:
‘Now ye have consecrated yourselves
unto the Lord, come near and bring
sacrifices and thank-offerings into the
house of the Lord.’ And the
congregation brought in sacrifices and
thank-offerings; and as many as were
of a willing heart brought burnt-
offerings. [32]And the number of the
burnt-offerings, which the
congregation brought, was threescore
and ten bullocks, a hundred rams, and
two hundred lambs; all these were for
a burnt-offering to the Lord. [33]And the
consecrated things were six hundred
oxen and three thousand sheep. [34]But
the priests were too few, so that they
could not flay all the burnt-offerings;
wherefore their brethren the Levites
did help them, till the work was ended,
and until the priests had sanctified
themselves; for the Levites were more
upright in heart to sanctify themselves
than the priests. [35]And also the burnt-
offerings were in abundance, with the
fat of the peace-offerings, and the
drink-offerings for every burnt-
offering. So the service of the house of
the Lord was firmly established. [36]And
Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people,
because of that which God had
prepared for the people; for the thing
was done suddenly.

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel
and Judah, and wrote letters
also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that
they should come to the house of the
Lord at Jerusalem, to keep the
passover unto the Lord, the God of
Israel. [2]For the king had taken counsel,
and his princes, and all the
congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the
passover in the second month. [3]For
they could not keep it at that time,
because the priests had not sanctified
themselves in sufficient number,
neither had the people gathered
themselves together to Jerusalem.
[4]And the thing was right in the eyes of
the king and of all the congregation.
[5]So they established a decree to make
proclamation throughout all Israel,
from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that
they should come to keep the passover
unto the Lord, the God of Israel, at
Jerusalem; for they had not kept it in
great numbers according as it is
written.

[6]So the posts went with the letters
from the king and his princes
throughout all Israel and Judah, and
according to the commandment of the
king, saying: ‘Ye children of Israel,
turn back unto the Lord, the God of
Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that He
may return to the remnant that are
escaped of you out of the hand of the
kings of Assyria. [7]And be not ye like
your fathers, and like your brethren,
who acted treacherously against the

LORD, the God of their fathers, so that
He delivered them to be an
astonishment, as ye see. [8]Now be ye
not stiffnecked, as your fathers were;
but yield yourselves unto the LORD,
and enter into His sanctuary, which He
hath sanctified for ever, and serve the
LORD your God, that His fierce anger
may turn away from you. [9]For if ye
turn back unto the LORD, your brethren
and your children shall find
compassion before them that led them
captive, and shall come back into this
land; for the LORD your God is
gracious and merciful, and will not
turn away His face from you, if ye
return unto Him.'

[10]So the posts passed from city to
city through the country of Ephraim
and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun; but
they laughed them to scorn, and
mocked them. [11]Nevertheless divers of
Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun
humbled themselves, and came to
Jerusalem. [12]Also in Judah was the
hand of God to give them one heart, to
do the commandment of the king and
of the princes by the word of the LORD.

[13]And there assembled at Jerusalem
much people to keep the feast of
unleavened bread in the second month,
a very great congregation. [14]And they
arose and took away the altars that
were in Jerusalem, and all the altars
for incense took they away, and cast
them into the brook Kidron. [15]Then
they killed the passover lamb on the
fourteenth day of the second month;
and the priests and the Levites were
ashamed, and sanctified themselves,
and brought burnt-offerings into the
house of the LORD. [16]And they stood in
their place after their order, according
to the law of Moses the man of God;
the priests dashed the blood, which
they received of the hand of the
Levites. [17]For there were many in the
congregation that had not sanctified
themselves; therefore the Levites had
the charge of killing the passover
lambs for every one that was not clean,
to sanctify them unto the LORD. [18]For a
multitude of the people, even many of
Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and
Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves,
yet did they eat the passover otherwise
than it is written. For Hezekiah had
prayed for them, saying: 'The good
LORD pardon [19]every one that setteth
his heart to seek God, the LORD, the
God of his fathers, though [he be] not
[cleansed] according to the
purification that pertaineth to holy
things.' [20]And the LORD hearkened to
Hezekiah, and healed the people.
[21]And the children of Israel that were
present at Jerusalem kept the feast of
unleavened bread seven days with
great gladness; and the Levites and the
priests praised the LORD day by day,
singing with loud instruments unto the
LORD. [22]And Hezekiah spoke
encouragingly unto all the Levites that
were well skilled in the service of the
LORD. So they did eat throughout the
feast for the seven days, offering
sacrifices of peace-offerings, and

giving thanks to the LORD, the God of
their fathers.
[23]And the whole congregation took
counsel to keep other seven days; and
they kept other seven days with
gladness. [24]For Hezekiah king of Judah
did give to the congregation for
offerings a thousand bullocks and
seven thousand sheep; and the princes
gave to the congregation a thousand
bullocks and ten thousand sheep; and
priests sanctified themselves in great
numbers. [25]And all the congregation of
Judah, with the priests and the Levites,
and all the congregation that came out
of Israel, and the strangers that came
out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt
in Judah, rejoiced. [26]So there was great
joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of
Solomon the son of David king of
Israel there was not the like in
Jerusalem. [27]Then the priests the
Levites arose and blessed the people;
and their voice was heard [of the
LORD], and their prayer came up to His
holy habitation, even unto heaven.

31 Now when all this was
finished, all Israel that were
present went out to the cities of Judah,
and broke in pieces the pillars, and
hewed down the Asherim, and broke
down the high places and the altars out
of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim
also and Manasseh, until they had
destroyed them all. Then all the
children of Israel returned, every man
to his possession, into their own cities.
[2]And Hezekiah appointed the
courses of the priest and the Levites
after their courses, every man
according to his service, both the
priests and the Levites, for burnt-
offerings and for peace-offerings, to
minister, and to give thanks, and to
praise in the gates of the camp of the
LORD. [3]He appointed also the king's
portion of his substance for the burnt-
offerings, to wit, for the morning and
evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-
offerings for the sabbaths, and for the
new moons, and for the appointed
seasons, as it is written in the Law of
the LORD. [4]Moreover he commanded
the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to
give the portion of the priests and the
Levites, that they might give
themselves to the law of the LORD.
[5]And as soon as the commandment
came abroad, the children of Israel
gave in abundance the first-fruits of
corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of
all the increase of the field; and the
tithe of all things brought they in
abundantly. [6]And the children of Israel
and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of
Judah, they also brought in the tithe of
oxen and sheep, and the tithe of
hallowed things which were hallowed
unto the LORD their God, and laid them
by heaps. [7]In the third month they
began to lay the foundation of the
heaps, and finished them in the
seventh month. [8]And when Hezekiah
and the princes came and saw the
heaps, they blessed the LORD, and His
people Israel. [9]Then Hezekiah
questioned the priests and the Levites
concerning the heaps. [10]And Azariah

the chief priest, of the house of Zadok,
answered him and said: ‘Since the
people began to bring the offerings
into the house of the Lord, we have
eaten and had enough, and have left
plenty; for the Lord hath blessed His
people; and that which is left is this
great store.’
11Then Hezekiah commanded to
prepare chambers in the house of the
Lord; and they prepared them. 12And
they brought in the offerings and the
tithes and the hallowed things
faithfully; and over them Conaniah the
Levite was ruler, and Shimei his
brother was second. 13And Jehiel, and
Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and
Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and
Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah,
were overseers under the hand of
Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by
the appointment of Hezekiah the king,
and Azariah the ruler of the house of
God. 14And Kore the son of Imnah the
Levite, the porter at the east gate, was
over the freewill-offerings of God, to
distribute the offerings of the Lord,
and the most holy things. 15And under
him were Eden, and Miniamin, and
Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and
Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests,
in their office of trust, to give to their
brethren by courses, as well to the
great as to the small; 16beside them
that were reckoned by genealogy of
males, from three years old and
upward, even every one that entered
into the house of the Lord, for his
daily portion, for their service in their
charges according to their courses;
17and them that were reckoned by
genealogy of the priests by their
fathers’houses, and the Levites from
twenty years old and upward, in their
charges by their courses; 18even to give
to them that were reckoned by
genealogy of all their little ones, their
wives, and their sons, and their
daughters, through all the
congregation; for in their office of
trust they administered the sacred
gifts; 19also for the sons of Aaron the
priests, that were in the fields of the
open land about their cities, in every
city, there were men that were
mentioned by name, to give portions to
all the males among the priests, and to
all that were reckoned by genealogy
among the Levites.
20And thus did Hezekiah throughout
all Judah; and he wrought that which
was good and right and faithful before
the Lord his God. 21And in every work
that he began in the service of the
house of God, and in the law, and in
the commandments, to seek his God,
he did it with all his heart, and
prospered.

32 After these things, and this
faithfulness, Sennacherib king
of Assyria came, and entered into
Judah, and encamped against the
fortified cities, and thought to make a
breach therein for himself. 2And when
Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was
come, and that he was purposed to
fight against Jerusalem, 3he took
counsel with his princes and his

mighty men to stop the waters of the
fountains which were without the city;
and they helped him. [4]So there was
gathered much people together, and
they stopped all the fountains, and the
brook that flowed through the midst of
the land, saying: ‘Why should the
kings of Assyria come, and find much
water?’ [5]And he took courage, and
built up all the wall that was broken
down, and raised it up to the towers,
and another wall without, and
strengthened Millo in the city of
David, and made weapons and shields
in abundance. [6]And he set captains of
war over the people, and gathered
them together to him in the broad
place at the gate of the city, and spoke
encouragingly to them, saying: [7]’Be
strong and of good courage, be not
afraid nor dismayed for the king of
Assyria, nor for all the multitude that
is with him; for there is a Greater with
us than with him: [8]with him is an arm
of flesh; but with us is the Lord our
God to help us, and to fight our
battles.’ And the people rested
themselves upon the words of
Hezekiah king of Judah.

[9]After this did Sennacherib king of
Assyria send his servants to
Jerusalem—now he was before
Lachish, and all his power with him—
unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto
all Judah that were at Jerusalem,
saying: [10]’Thus saith Sennacherib king
of Assyria: Whereon do ye trust, that
ye abide the siege in Jerusalem?
[11]Doth not Hezekiah persuade you, to
give you over to die by famine and by
thirst, saying: The Lord our God will
deliver us out of the hand of the king
of Assyria? [12]Hath not the same
Hezekiah taken away His high places
and His altars, and commanded Judah
and Jerusalem, saying: Ye shall
worship before one altar, and upon it
shall ye offer? [13]Know ye not what I
and my fathers have done unto all the
peoples of the lands? Were the gods of
the nations of the lands in any wise
able to deliver their land out of my
hand? [14]Who was there among all the
gods of those nations which my fathers
utterly destroyed, that could deliver his
people out of my hand, that your God
should be able to deliver you out of
my hand? [15]Now therefore let not
Hezekiah beguile you, nor persuade
you after this manner, neither believe
ye him; for no god of any nation or
kingdom was able to deliver his people
out of my hand, and out of the hand of
my fathers; how much less shall your
God deliver you out of my hand?’

[16]And his servants spoke yet more
against the Lord God, and against His
servant Hezekiah. [17]He wrote also a
letter, to taunt the Lord, the God of
Israel, and to speak against Him,
saying: ‘As the gods of the nations of
the lands, which have not delivered
their people out of my hand, so shall
not the God of Hezekiah deliver His
people out of my hand.’ [18]And they
cried with a loud voice in the
Jews’language unto the people of
Jerusalem that were on the wall, to

terrify them, and to affright them; that
they might take the city. 19 And they
spoke of the God of Jerusalem, as of
the gods of the peoples of the earth,
which are the work of men's hands.

20 And Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah
the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed
because of this, and cried to heaven.
21 And the Lord sent an angel, who cut
off all the mighty men of valour, and
the leaders and captains, in the camp
of the king of Assyria. So he returned
with shame of face to his own land.
And when he was come into the house
of his god, they that came forth of his
own bowels slew him there with the
sword. 22 Thus the Lord saved
Hezekiah and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem from the hand of
Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and
from the hand of all, and guided them
on every side. 23 And many brought
gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and
precious things to Hezekiah king of
Judah; so that he was exalted in the
sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 In those days Hezekiah was sick
even unto death; and he prayed unto
the Lord; and He spoke unto him, and
gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah
rendered not according to the benefit
done unto him; for his heart was lifted
up; therefore there was wrath upon
him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.
26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled
himself for the pride of his heart, both
he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so
that the wrath of the Lord came not
upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding
much riches and honour; and he
provided him treasuries for silver, and
for gold, and for precious stones, and
for spices, and for shields, and for all
manner of goodly vessels; 28 store-
houses also for the increase of corn,
and wine, and oil; and stalls for all
manner of beasts, and flocks in folds.
29 Moreover he provided him cities, and
possessions of flocks and herds in
abundance; for God had given him
very much substance. 30 This same
Hezekiah also stopped the upper
spring of the waters of Gihon, and
brought them straight down on the
west side of the city of David. And
Hezekiah prospered in all his works.
31 Howbeit in the business of the
ambassadors of the princes of
Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire
of the wonder that was done in the
land, God left him, to try him, that He
might know all that was in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of
Hezekiah, and his good deeds, behold,
they are written in the vision of Isaiah
the prophet the son of Amoz, and in
the book of the kings of Judah and
Israel. 33 And Hezekiah slept with his
fathers, and they buried him in the
ascent of the sepulchres of the sons of
David; and all Judah and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem did him
honour at his death. And Manasseh his
son reigned in his stead.

33 Manasseh was twelve years
old when he began to reign;
and he reigned fifty and five years in

Jerusalem. [2]And he did that which was
evil in the sight of the LORD, after the
abominations of the nations, whom the
LORD cast out before the children of
Israel. [3]For he built again the high
places which Hezekiah his father had
broken down; and he reared up altars
for the Baalim, and made Asheroth,
and worshipped all the host of heaven,
and served them. [4]And he built altars
in the house of the LORD, whereof the
LORD said: 'In Jerusalem shall My
name be for ever.' [5]And he built altars
for all the host of heaven in the two
courts of the house of the LORD. [6]He
also made his children to pass through
the fire in the valley of the son of
Hinnom; and he practised soothsaying,
and used enchantments, and practised
sorcery, and appointed them that
divined by a ghost or a familiar spirit;
he wrought much evil in the sight of
the LORD, to provoke Him. [7]And he set
the graven image of the idol, which he
had made, in the house of God, of
which God said to David and to
Solomon his son: 'In this house, and in
Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of
all the tribes of Israel, will I put My
name for ever; [8]neither will I any more
remove the foot of Israel from off the
land which I have appointed for your
fathers; if only they will observe to do
all that I have commanded them, even
all the law and the statutes and the
ordinances by the hand of Moses.'
[9]And Manasseh made Judah and the
inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, so that
they did evil more than did the nations,
whom the LORD destroyed before the
children of Israel.

[10]And the LORD spoke to Manasseh,
and to his people; but they gave no
heed. [11]Wherefore the LORD brought
upon them the captains of the host of
the king of Assyria, who took
Manasseh with hooks, and bound him
with fetters, and carried him to
Babylon. [12]And when he was in
distress, he besought the LORD his God,
and humbled himself greatly before
the God of his fathers. [13]And he prayed
unto Him; and He was entreated of
him, and heard his supplication, and
brought him back to Jerusalem into his
kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that
the LORD He was God.

[14]Now after this he built an outer
wall to the city of David, on the west
side of Gihon, in the valley, even to
the entrance at the fish gate; and he
compassed about Ophel, and raised it
up a very great height; and he put
captains of the army in all the fortified
cities of Judah. [15]And he took away the
strange gods, and the idol out of the
house of the LORD, and all the altars
that he had built in the mount of the
house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem,
and cast them out of the city. [16]And he
built up the altar of the LORD, and
offered thereon sacrifices of peace-
offerings and of thanksgiving, and
commanded Judah to serve the LORD,
the God of Israel. [17]Nevertheless the
people did sacrifice still in the high
places, but only unto the LORD their
God.

[18]Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spoke to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. [19]His prayer also, and how [God] was entreated of him, and all his sin and his transgression, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the graven images, before he humbled himself; behold, they are written in the history of the seers. [20]So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house; and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

[21]Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. [22]And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father; and Amon sacrificed unto all the graven images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. [23]And he humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon became guilty more and more. [24]And his servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. [25]But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

34 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. [2]And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. [3]For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images. [4]And they broke down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the sun-images, that were on high above them, he hewed down; and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. [5]And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. [6]And so did he in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their axes round about. [7]And he broke down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

[8]Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. [9]And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the

house of God, which the Levites, the
keepers of the door, had gathered of
the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim,
and of all the remnant of Israel, and of
all Judah and Benjamin, and they
returned to Jerusalem. 10And they
delivered it into the hand of the
workmen that had the oversight of the
house of the Lord; and the workmen
that wrought in the house of the Lord
gave it to mend and repair the house;
11even to the carpenters and to the
builders gave they it, to buy hewn
stone, and timber for couplings, and to
make beams for the houses which the
kings of Judah had destroyed. 12And
the men did the work faithfully; and
the overseers of them were Jahath and
Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of
Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam,
of the sons of the Kohathites, to
preside over it; and other of the
Levites, all that had skill with
instruments of music. 13Also they were
over the bearers of burdens, and
presided over all that did the work in
every manner of service; and of the
Levites there were scribes, and
officers, and porters.

14And when they brought out the
money that was brought into the house
of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found
the book of the Law of the Lord given
by Moses. 15and Hilkiah answered and
said to Shaphan the scribe: ‘I have
found the book of the Law in the
house of the Lord.’ And Hilkiah
delivered the book to Shaphan. 16And
Shaphan carried the book to the king,
and moreover brought back word unto
the king, saying: ‘All that was
committed to thy servants, they do it.
17And they have poured out the money
that was found in the house of the
Lord, and have delivered it into the
hand of the overseers, and into the
hand of the workmen.’ 18And Shaphan
the scribe told the king, saying:
‘Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a
book.’ And Shaphan read therein
before the king. 19And it came to pass,
when the king had heard the words of
the Law, that he rent his clothes. 20And
the king commanded Hilkiah, and
Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and
Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan
the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s
servant, saying: 21’Go ye, inquire of
the Lord for me, and for them that are
left in Israel and in Judah, concerning
the words of the book that is found; for
great is the wrath of the Lord that is
poured out upon us, because our
fathers have not kept the word of the
Lord, to do according unto all that is
written in this book.’

22So Hilkiah, and they whom the
king [had commanded], went to
Huldah the prophetess, the wife of
Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of
Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe—now
she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second
quarter—and they spoke to her to that
effect. 23And she said unto them:
‘Thus saith the Lord, the God of
Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you
unto me: 24Thus saith the Lord:
Behold, I will bring evil upon this

place, and upon the inhabitants
thereof, even all the curses that are
written in the book which they have
read before the king of Judah;
25 because they have forsaken Me, and
have offered unto other gods, that they
might provoke Me with all the works
of their hands; therefore is My wrath
poured out upon this place, and it shall
not be quenched. 26 But unto the king
of Judah, who sent you to inquire of
the Lord, thus shall ye say to him:
Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel:
As touching the words which thou hast
heard, 27 because thy heart was tender,
and thou didst humble thyself before
God, when thou heardest His words
against this place, and against the
inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled
thyself before Me, and hast rent thy
clothes, and wept before Me; I also
have heard thee, saith the Lord.
28 Behold, I will gather thee to thy
fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to
thy grave in peace, neither shall thine
eyes see all the evil that I will bring
upon this place, and upon the
inhabitants thereof.' And they brought
back word unto the king.

29 Then the king sent and gathered
together all the elders of Judah and
Jerusalem. 30 And the king went up to
the house of the Lord, and all the men
of Judah and the inhabitants of
Jerusalem, and the priests, and the
Levites, and all the people, both great
and small; and he read in their ears all
the words of the book of the covenant
that was found in the house of the
Lord. 31 And the king stood in his
place, and made a covenant before the
Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to
keep His commandments, and His
testimonies, and His statutes, with all
his heart, and with all his soul, to
perform the words of the covenant that
were written in this book. 32 And he
caused all that were found in
Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it.
And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did
according to the covenant of God, the
God of their fathers. 33 And Josiah took
away all the abominations out of all
the countries that pertained to the
children of Israel, and made all that
were found in Israel to serve, even to
serve the Lord their God. All his days
they departed not from following the
Lord, the God of their fathers.

35 And Josiah kept a passover
unto the Lord in Jerusalem;
and they killed the passover lamb on
the fourteenth day of the first month.
2 And he set the priests in their charges,
and encouraged them to the service of
the house of the Lord. 3 And he said
unto the Levites that taught all Israel,
that were holy unto the Lord: 'Put the
holy ark in the house which Solomon
the son of David king of Israel did
build; there shall no more be a burden
upon your shoulders; now serve the
Lord your God, and His people Israel.
4 And prepare ye after your
fathers'houses by your courses,
according to the writing of David king
of Israel, and according to the writing
of Solomon his son. 5 And stand in the

holy place according to the divisions
of the fathers'houses of your brethren
the children of the people, and [let
there be for each] a portion of a
father's house of the Levites. [6]And kill
the passover lamb, and sanctify
yourselves, and prepare for your
brethren, to do according to the word
of the LORD by the hand of Moses.'

[7]And Josiah gave to the children of
the people, of the flock, lambs and
kids, all of them for the passover-
offerings, unto all that were present, to
the number of thirty thousand, and
three thousand bullocks; these were of
the king's substance. [8]And his princes
gave willingly unto the people, to the
priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah and
Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the
house of God, gave unto the priests for
the passover-offerings two thousand
and six hundred [small cattle], and
three hundred oxen. [9]Conaniah also,
and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his
brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and
Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites,
gave unto the Levites for the passover-
offerings five thousand [small cattle],
and five hundred oxen.

[10]So the service was prepared, and
the priests stood in their place, and the
Levites by their courses, according to
the king's commandment. [11]And they
killed the passover lamb, and the
priests dashed [the blood, which they
received] of their hand, and the Levites
flayed them. [12]And they removed the
portions that were to be burnt, that
they might give them to the divisions
of the fathers'houses of the children of
the people, to present unto the LORD, as
it is written in the book of Moses. And
so did they with the oxen. [13]And they
roasted the passover with fire
according to the ordinance; and the
holy offerings sod they in pots, and in
caldrons, and in pans, and carried them
quickly to all the children of the
people. [14]And afterward they prepared
for themselves, and for the priests;
because the priests the sons of Aaron
were busied in offering the portions
that were to be burnt and the fat until
night; therefore the Levites prepared
for themselves, and for the priests the
sons of Aaron. [15]And the singers the
sons of Asaph were in their place,
according to the commandment of
David, and Asaph, and Heman, and
Jeduthun the king's seer; and the
porters were at every gate; they needed
not to depart from their service, for
their brethren the Levites prepared for
them.

[16]So all the service of the LORD was
prepared the same day, to keep the
passover, and to offer burnt-offerings
upon the altar of the LORD, according
to the commandment of king Josiah.
[17]And the children of Israel that were
present kept the passover at that time,
and the feast of unleavened bread
seven days. [18]And there was no
passover like to that kept in Israel from
the days of Samuel the prophet;
neither did any of the kings of Israel
keep such a passover as Josiah kept,
and the priests, and the Levites, and all

Judah and Israel that were present, and
the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [19]In the
eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah
was this passover kept.
[20]After all this, when Josiah had
prepared the temple, Neco king of
Egypt went up to fight against
Carchemish by the Euphrates; and
Josiah went out against him. [21]But he
sent ambassadors to him, saying:
‘What have I to do with thee, thou
king of Judah? I come not against thee
this day, but against the house
wherewith I have war; and God hath
given command to speed me; forbear
thee from meddling with God, who is
with me, that He destroy thee not.’
[22]Nevertheless Josiah would not turn
his face from him, but disguised
himself, that he might fight with him,
and hearkened not unto the words of
Neco, from the mouth of God, and
came to fight in the valley of Megiddo.
[23]And the archers shot at king Josiah;
and the king said to his servants:
‘Have me away; for I am sore
wounded.’ [24]So his servants took him
out of the chariot, and put him in the
second chariot that he had, and
brought him to Jerusalem; and he died,
and was buried in the sepulchres of his
fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem
mourned for Josiah. [25]And Jeremiah
lamented for Josiah; and all the
singing men and singing women spoke
of Josiah in their lamentations, unto
this day; and they made them an
ordinance in Israel; and, behold, they
are written in the lamentations. [26]Now
the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his
good deeds, according to that which is
written in the Law of the LORD, [27]and
his acts, first and last, behold, they are
written in the book of the kings of
Israel and Judah.

36 Then the people of the land
took Jehoahaz the son of
Josiah, and made him king in his
father’s stead in Jerusalem. [2]Joahaz
was twenty and three years old when
he began to reign; and he reigned three
months in Jerusalem. [3]And the king of
Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and
fined the land a hundred talents of
silver and a talent of gold. [4]And the
king of Egypt made Eliakim his
brother king over Judah and
Jerusalem, and changed his name to
Jehoiakim. And Neco took Joahaz his
brother, and carried him to Egypt.
[5]Jehoiakim was twenty and five
years old when he began to reign; and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem;
and he did that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD his God. [6]Against
him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of
Babylon, and bound him in fetters, to
carry him to Babylon.
[7]Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the
vessels of the house of the LORD to
Babylon, and put them in his temple at
Babylon. [8]Now the rest of the acts of
Jehoiakim, and his abominations
which he did, and that which was
found in him, behold, they are written
in the book of the kings of Israel and
Judah; and Jehoiachin his son reigned
in his stead.

9Jehoiachin was eight years old
when he began to reign; and he
reigned three months and ten days in
Jerusalem; and he did that which was
evil in the sight of the LORD. 10And at
the return of the year king
Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him
to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of
the house of the LORD, and made
Zedekiah his brother king over Judah
and Jerusalem.

11Zedekiah was twenty and one
years old when he began to reign; and
he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem;
12and he did that which was evil in the
sight of the LORD his God; he humbled
not himself before Jeremiah the
prophet speaking from the mouth of
the LORD. 13And he also rebelled
against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had
made him swear by God; but he
stiffened his neck, and hardened his
heart from turning unto the LORD, the
God of Israel. 14Moreover all the
chiefs of the priests, and the people,
transgressed very greatly after all the
abominations of the nations; and they
polluted the house of the LORD which
He had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15And
the LORD, the God of their fathers, sent
to them by His messengers, sending
betimes and often; because He had
compassion on His people, and on His
dwelling-place; 16but they mocked the
messengers of God, and despised His
words, and scoffed at His prophets,
until the wrath of the LORD arose
against His people, till there was no
remedy.
17Therefore He brought upon them
the king of the Chaldeans, who slew
their young men with the sword in the
house of their sanctuary, and had no
compassion upon young man or
maiden, old man or hoary-headed; He
gave them all into his hand. 18And all
the vessels of the house of God, great
and small, and the treasures of the
house of the LORD, and the treasures of
the king, and of his princes; all these
he brought to Babylon. 19And they
burnt the house of God, and broke
down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt
all the palaces thereof with fire, and
destroyed all the goodly vessels
thereof. 20And them that had escaped
from the sword carried he away to
Babylon; and they were servants to
him and his sons until the reign of the
kingdom of Persia; 21to fulfil the word
of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah,
until the land had been paid her
sabbaths; for as long as she lay
desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil
threescore and ten years.

22Now in the first year of Cyrus king
of Persia, that the word of the LORD by
the mouth of Jeremiah might be
accomplished, the LORD stirred up the
spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he
made a proclamation throughout all his
kingdom, and put it also in writing,
saying: 23'Thus saith Cyrus king of
Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth
hath the LORD, the God of heaven,
given me; and He hath charged me to
build Him a house in Jerusalem, which
is in Judah. Whosoever there is among

you of all His people—the LORD his
God be with him—let him go up.’